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Robert Burns' portrait displayed on the piano at Woodhaven Country Club

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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

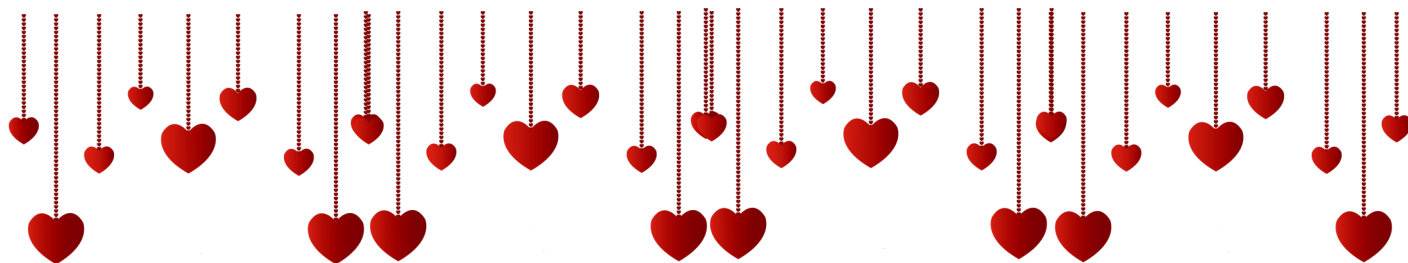
Greetings Scottish Society Members;

I am hoping everyone made it through the snow and ice storm without any serious problems. It was challenging to say the least just getting out of the driveway after the snowplows came through. That started our January off but it sure finished on a much better note. We held our annual Burns Dinner on the 25th of January with 116 people in attendance. It takes a lot of folks to put on an event like this and I want to thank them again for all the hard work and patience in getting the hall ready as well as their participation to our Society.

It's February 2025, (where does the time go) and we have other events you can get involved in at the SSL. The February meeting will be the history of "Hand Fasting" this was a common practice in Scotland in the early 12th to the 17th century. Come to the meeting and find out all about it.

We have an upcoming Election in March and we need **YOU** to fill the openings. (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, and the Heritage Committee positions are open. If you have talents and want to give back, this is your opportunity. We can't operate the society without **Volunteers**. Please help us help the community to celebrate **Scottish Heritage**.

Sincerely, Gary



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 news letter 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 the date they were paid. Please pay your dues to the Treasurer, Cheri Eskridge, pay online on the SSL website, or mail to Scottish Society of Louisville, PO Box 34758, Louisville, KY 40232.

Updated 2025 SSL Programs

February – Love Is In The Air: The History of Handfasting – Guest speaker, Mindy McIntosh-Shetter

March – Scotland trip presentation: By Robbin and Steve Goodin

April – University of Glasgow, Chasing the Jacobite Dream: Jacobite medals in the Hunterian Collection (YouTube video)

May – Love Scotland Stories of Scotland's History – Bruce's Gamble: Robert the Bruce V Henry De Bohun (podcast)

July – Kerry Overfelt, Athletic Trainer: Athletics judge for Scottish Highland Games

August – Dinner and a Movie – (Stone of Destiny)

September – Flora MacDonald – Guest speaker, Mindy McIntosh-Shetter

October – Stories of Scotland – Fireside Folklore: Nuckleaves, Scotland's Scariest Demon (podcast)

November – Heritage

December – No meeting

February Presentation Information

February's presentation is "Love is in the Air: The History of Handfasting "

Presenter is our own SSL member Mindy McIntosh-Shetter.

AUCTION UPDATE

Treasurer Cheri Eskridge has reported that the SSL made \$2063. Thanks to all who donated or participated in this important fundraiser!

2025 Event Reminders

Save the dates!!! SSL FUNdraisers are coming back!!!

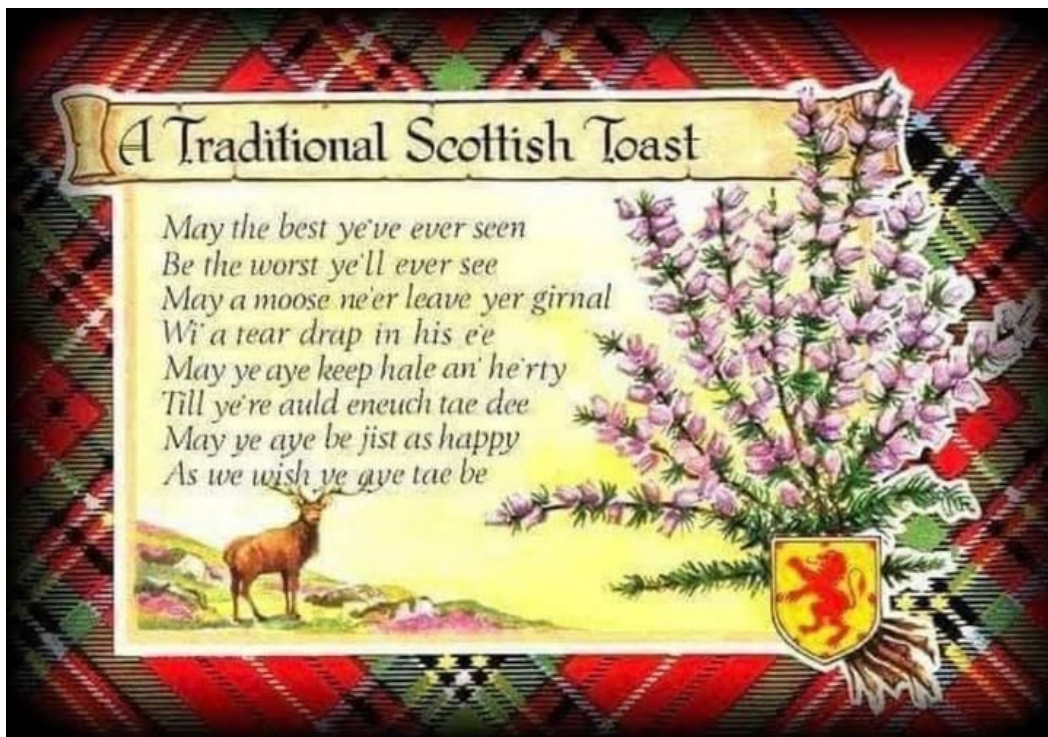
Come join us for our 5th Tuesday SSL FUNdraisers. We will gather at a local restaurant, visit and eat together.

A portion of the proceeds will come back to the SSL so we can plan some more fun events in 2025.

We will meet on **April 29th, July 29th, September 30th, December 30th**.

Restaurant details to follow. Be sure to check the calendar in the upcoming newsletters.

Hope to see you there!



From "The Scottish Grail History" on Facebook, courtesy of Debra McLernon

January Membership Meeting by Judy Stubbs

The President of The Scottish Society of Louisville opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and welcomed all. There were 22 people present. There were six new members present: Susan McLauahun, Edith Morrison, Jon Glasford, Mary Esch, Kerrie and Duncan Lamfers.

Visitor Charles Eirk announced that he wanted to become a member. Motion was made by Cheri Eskridge and seconded by Steve Shetter, Jr. Unanimous approval.

President Gary's announcements: Thanks were given to everyone who helped at this past Saturday night's Burns Dinner! He would like everyone to jot down the good and the bad about the Burns Night event, ideas on how to improve it, and give it to Gary in next two weeks. He thanked three special people, Erika, Pat and Janice, who spent out of their own pocket to pay for some part of the event. He thanked the people who offered the "toasts" and acknowledged that they were outstanding speeches!

Gary also announced that we have Elections coming up for the Officers and members of the Heritage Fund. If you are interested in an office, please speak to the current person holding that particular position to be more informed as to the duties/responsibilities.

Vice-President Robbin: Absent

Secretary Judy: Reported and read correspondence from two churches, letters of thanks for their Kirking attendance from the Rector Nate Ferrell of St. Mark's Episcopal and the Rector Allan Wallace of St. Paul's Episcopal. She also announced that a sign-up sheet will be circulated this evening for the Kirking at Ascension Lutheran at their Celtic Sunday on March 16th, the day before St. Patrick's Day. Please contact Judy if you plan to attend.

Treasurer Cheri: Our 2024 tax exempt organization report (due 1/31) for the KY Dept of Charitable Gaming has been filed.

Programs & Education Commissioner Mindy: She announced that the February program title is: "Love Is In The Air: The History of Handfasting" and that she is the Presenter. Mindy spoke briefly about the concept of Handfasting.

Newsletter Editor Linda: Absent.

Regional Celtic Commissioner Steve: Announced that he is working on the dates and locations of upcoming Games and Festivals, and invited membership to let him know of other ideas for Games and Festivals.

Social Media Commissioner Erika: No Report.

Membership Commissioner Kim (Appointed): She announced that she has "recently taken over the Membership Services position. With Gary's approval, I will soon be implementing some changes and updates to the way the membership data is maintained. It will go to an online system that will include auto renewals for membership, and a much easier format to keep track of members. I will be sending an email to Damien in the next few days to have him add the software to the website. There will be a period of adjustment as members are input into the new system. But I think that I have that figured out so that it

January Membership Meeting, cont.

won't be too painful. More to come on that. Once that is all in place, then I (we) will start a more aggressive campaign to find new members and grow the organization. I will also be working ongoing with Mindy on the website. We will be looking for ways to update and enhance the current format. We want potential members to be excited when they visit the website.

Member-at-Large Commissioner Kim: No Report.

Hospitality Commissioner Anne: She announced the name of the store in Florida where she purchased the Haggis. For more information, please contact Anne.

Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary Judy Stubbs

2025 Burns' Night Dinner

The SSL Burns' Night Dinner was held at Woodhaven Country Club in Louisville this year. There were 116 celebrants in attendance, and we all seemed to have a good time! It was a lovely combination of old friends, new friends, good food and our usual program for Burns' Night, complete with kilts and tartans and robust toasting.

We want to thank all those who donated items for our Spirit Raffle, of whom there were many. Karen Brumley won the Kilt Raffle. Congratulations, Karen, and thank you to The Scottish Trading Company for the donation of the kilt.

Several members sent in photos for the newsletter. Many of these can be found in this newsletter.



The sign-in table area &
kilt raffle table

2025 Burns' Night Dinner Photos



Our members donated many nice items for our Spirits & Raffle Table

Our master of ceremonies starting the evening (below)



2025 Burns' Night Dinner Photos



The flag procession



2025 Burns' Night Dinner Photos



John & Carol Moffett at left, their grandsons below



2025 Burns' Night Dinner Photos



The Presentation of the Haggis!

2025 Burns' Night Dinner Photos

The conclusion of the
Presentation of the Haggis



2025 Burns' Night Dinner Photos



Some of our
many guests

2025 Burns' Night Dinner Photos



Our guests enjoying themselves. We look forward to
this event every year!

February 2025

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥




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March 2025



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