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Forbes Castle, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, one of the castles described in Ancient Legacies.  
Today it is occupied by Malcolm Forbes, 23rd Lord Forbes;  
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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

Ah summer...according to Billy Connolly there are two seasons in Scotland – June and Winter! Not at all like Kentucky where we can enjoy four seasons in a week! In rural Scotland, June is the time for shearing the sheep, weddings, berry picking, lobster fishing, fairs, and agricultural shows. Around here, June kicks off Highland Games season. I know a few of our members visited the Southern Kentucky Highland Games in Park City this past weekend, and some usually attend the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in July. If you attend any Scottish-themed events, I'm sure Linda would love to add some pictures to the newsletter so that we can all get a taste of the experience!

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful Louisville weather while it lasts and that we will see you at our June meeting when we hear about some of Scotland's love stories.

*Cheri*

## Member Reminders

1. Check out our Facebook page for any information about upcoming events and read the newsletter.
2. Name of the SSL Facebook group "The Scottish Society of Louisville"
3. Our website can be found at [scotsoflou.com](http://scotsoflou.com).
4. To submit an announcement, article, etc. to the newsletter, please email to our newsletter editor, Linda Wilson, at [tomatoladyone@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

For those members whose dues are not automatically withdrawn, your dues are due on the anniversary of your acceptance as a member. Those who have signed up for automatic payment will receive an email reminder shortly before this withdrawal.

*Individual - \$25*

*Family - \$40*

If you are not sure if you signed up for automatic withdrawal, please contact Membership Commissioner Kim Wilhite at 812-320-2627 or at [kimarawilhite@yahoo.com](mailto:kimarawilhite@yahoo.com).

**2026 SSL Educational Programs, Mindy McIntosh Shetter**

June

Love Scotland Stories of Scotland's History: Violet Jacob: A Singular Life (Podcast)

July

What did Mary, Queen of Scots look like? Facial Reconstructions from Death Mask & History (YouTube)

August

The Medieval Afterlife of the Declaration of Arbroath (University of Glasgow) (YouTube)

September

The Scottish Society of Louisville First Bake Off and Program

October

The Royal Society of Edinburgh's Festival of Knowledge-A Scottish Murder: Unravelling the Ardlamont Case (YouTube) or Friday Focus-Remembering the Scottish Witch Trials (Hunterian Glasgow) (YouTube)

November

Heritage Auction/No Meeting

December

Holiday Season/No Meeting



## **2026 Schedule of Upcoming Kirkings, Judy Stubbs**

*If you are interested in participating, please contact Judy Stubbs at [j.stubbs100@gmail.com](mailto:j.stubbs100@gmail.com) .*

Pastor, The Rev. K.T. Ockels, at Strathmoor Presbyterian Church has invited members of The Scottish Society of Louisville to bring our Clan Tartans for a Kirkin' O' The Tartans on September 13th.

Pastor, The Rev. Dave Bush, at Okolona Presbyterian Church has invited members of The Scottish Society of Louisville to bring our Clan Tartans for a Kirkin' O' The Tartans on October 25th

Pastor, The Rev. Allan Wallace, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in New Albany, IN has invited members of The Scottish Society of Louisville to bring our Clan Tartans for a Kirkin' O' The Tartans in November. DTBD.

Mr. Jeff Butcher, President Emeritus, of the Louisville Brotherhood of St. Andrew, has invited members of The Scottish Society of Louisville to a Kirkin' O' The Tartans at St. Francis of the Fields in November, DTBD.

## ***SSL Membership Meeting Minutes for May by Judy Stubbs***

President Cheri Eskridge opened the meeting at 7:00pm and asked if any visitors were present. We had 26 people present, 3 visitor(s), 2 new members.

The President then presented her article on a historical point from Scotland:

“In May 1918 John MacLean, Glasgow schoolmaster, Labour leader and first Soviet Consul in Britain, was tried in the Edinburgh High Court for sedition. MacLean dedicated his life to the cause of the working class. A controversial figure, his Marxist views were seen as extreme even by some of the Left. His opposition to the war led to his arrest on a number of occasions, causing him to lose his teaching job, and culminating with a sentence of 5 years for sedition in 1918. However, a combination of the signing of the Armistice and weekly marches by supporters in Glasgow saw him released in December 1918, having served eight months. He was granted a royal pardon by the King, which he refused, on the grounds that it was the workers of Glasgow, rather than the King, who had secured his release. In November 1923, already in poor health from the rigours of prison, he contracted pneumonia and died, aged only 44.”

Business Meeting began with the President calling for Board Reports:

President Cheri Eskridge announced that our next fundraiser will be at Jason's Deli on June 30. Janice Beatty has flyers. She can be contacted at [jgarriot@att.net](mailto:jgarriot@att.net) or 502-876-3105, or get a flyer at the next meeting.

## ***SSL Membership Meeting Minutes for May, cont.***

Vice-President Marla Jo Cameron: She brought samples of a variety of T-shirts, and mugs with different logos she has made and are available for sale. T-Shirts are \$20.00 and Mugs are \$10.00. 10% of all sales go to the Scottish Society. See page 9 for an order form.

She also announced that applications to the Heritage Fund were due on 3/31, and are being discussed. These funds are distributed twice a year.

Secretary/Kirking Organizer Judy Stubbs: No Report as Secretary.

We have four Kirnings coming up in the fall. See page 5 for details.

Treasurer/President Cheri Eskridge: No Report.

Education & Program Commissioner Mindy McIntosh:

May-Ancient Legacies: 10 Castles held by the Original Clans (YouTube)

June-Love Scotland Stories of Scotland's History: Violet Jacob: A Singular Life (Podcast)

July-What did Mary, Queen of Scots look like? Facial Reconstructions from Death Mask & History (YouTube)

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November-Heritage Auction/No Meeting December-Holiday Season

Regional Celtic Commissioner Steve Shetter, Jr: No Report. He did introduce our guest, Mr. Brad Shipp, Knight Commander of The Knights of St. Andrew-Scottish Rite Valley of Louisville. Mr. Shipp reported on the upgrades at the Scottish Rite, and invited us to attend on June 25. This evening his presentation title was:

### "The Battle of Bannockburn, Scotland, and the Royal Order of the Thistle."

· The Battle of Bannockburn was fought on June 23-24, 1314, near Stirling between the forces of Robert the Bruce and Edward II of England.

· It was one of the most decisive Scottish victories of the First War of Scottish Independence.

· Robert the Bruce's army was significantly smaller than the English force but used disciplined infantry formations called "schiltrons" and advantageous terrain to defeat English cavalry.

· The victory secured Scottish control over much of the kingdom and strengthened Robert the Bruce's claim to the Scottish throne.

## ***SSL Membership Meeting Minutes for May, cont.***

- Bannockburn became a lasting symbol of Scottish national identity, independence, and resistance against foreign domination.
- The battle helped pave the way for the Treaty of Edinburgh-Northampton in 1328, where England formally recognized Scotland's independence.
- Over the centuries, Bannockburn became associated with Scotland's patron saint, Saint Andrew.
- The Royal Order of the Thistle is the highest order of chivalry in Scotland and is closely tied to Scottish national heritage.
- Tradition links the symbolism of the Order of the Thistle to medieval Scottish victories and divine favor associated with Saint Andrew.
- The Modern Royal Order of the thistle was formally revived in 1687 by King James VII and II.
- The Order's motto, "Nemo me impune lacessit" (No one provokes me with impunity"), reflects ideals of Scottish sovereignty and defense.
- While the Order of the Thistle was not directly created after Bannockburn, the battle's legacy influenced the patriotic traditions the order later embodies.
- Members of the Order are selected personally by the Monarch and represent Scotland's highest honors and ceremonial traditions.
- A long-standing Scottish tradition claims that surviving Knights Templar secretly aided Robert the Bruce at Bannockburn after the Order's suppression in Europe beginning in 1307.
- According to legend, a mounted force believed by some storytellers to be Templar Knights entered the battle late and helped disrupt English forces.
- There is no definitive contemporary historical evidence proving that Templar Knights officially fought at Bannockburn; most historians regard the story as legend rather than established fact.
- William Sinclair and the Sinclair family later became closely associated with traditions claiming protections of fugitive Templars in Scotland.
- The Sinclairs were hereditary patrons of Rosslyn Chapel, a site later linked with Templar symbolism and esoteric traditions.
- Some traditions claim William Sinclair or his descendants sought out and protected surviving Templars who were believed to have aided the Scots during and after Bannockburn.
- These legends helped shape enduring connections in Scottish folklore between Bannockburn, the Templars, the Sinclairs, Saint Andrew, and Scottish chivalric traditions.

Membership Commissioner Kimara Wilhite: let Kim know if you need a lanyard. Kim announced a new member: Travis Kittle, Clan Murray. Other guests were: Kevin Wilcox, Clan Fleming, Leslie Anglin, Clan Campbell, David Lewis, Clan Campbell.

## ***SSL Membership Meeting Minutes for May, cont.***

Newsletter Editor Linda Wilson: Absent.

Hospitality Commissioner Anne Lewis: No Report.

Member-at-Large Commissioner Bruce Wilson: Absent.

Break for Refreshments & Intermission

The Program was introduced by Commissioner Mindy McIntosh.

Ancient Legacies: 10 Castles held by the Original Clans (YouTube)

The Scottish Clans Podcast with Clint Edwards.

Our evening ended about 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Stubbs-Secretary











Dunvegan Castle associated with Clan McLeod, one of the castles described in Ancient Legacies, photo and information from Wikipedia







# SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF LOUISVILLE

## T-SHIRTS - \$20.00 each (any size)

	WHITE	S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___ 3X ___ 4X ___ 5X ___	Total Cost: _____
	GRAVEL	S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___ 3X ___ 4X ___ 5X ___	Total Cost: _____
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## MUGS - \$10.00 each

	SSL LOGO	Amount: _____	Total Cost: _____
	IT'S IN MY DNA	Amount: _____	Total Cost: _____
	CLAN MCFRITZ	Amount: _____	Total Cost: _____
	MARKS THE SCOT	Amount: _____	Total Cost: _____
	CUSTOM	Amount: _____	Total Cost: _____

Custom examples: Clan Crest/Badge (with or without name), Highland Cow, Photo of Scotland, et cetera.

Custom files need to be JPEG.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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# July 2026

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