



The History of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis (1983-2014)

Carson C. Smith, FSA Scot

The Founding of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis

1983

The Scottish Society of Indianapolis was born in the heart of Founder and President Emeritus Carter Carlisle Keith, following his appointment to the office of Convener for the State of Indiana, Clan Keith Society USA, on October 10, 1983. Organization began with the filing of an official letter of intent on December 1, 1983, with the Indiana Secretary of State, establishing the Scottish Society of Indianapolis, to become effective on December 31, 1983.

1984

With the enthusiastic encouragement of the International Center of Indianapolis, representatives of Clans Campbell (Anna Gale Dortch), Grant (Ann Grant Miller), and Lamont (Charli Keith Turner), and organizational assistance from Clan Keith, the first Board meeting was convened on Monday, April 23, 1984, at the home of Carter Keith at 4705 North Broadway.

The Scottish Society of Indianapolis was incorporated as a not-for-profit on August 23, 1984. In order to fill out the first Board of Trustees, Carter Keith relied heavily upon the members of his own family. His first Vice President was his twin brother, Neal Keith. His first Secretary was Charli Keith Turner. His first Treasurer was his sister-in-law Teresa Keith. The balance of the Board of Trustees included his brother, Teresa's husband, Todd Keith, and Carter's mother, Marjorie Workman Keith.

The Society made its first appearance at the 9th Annual International Festival, presented by the International Center of Indianapolis, at the Indiana Convention Center on the weekend of October 20, 1984, during which the Society was awarded Second Place honors for Education. It was here that Carter and I had our first face-to-face meeting, following an earlier phone conversation, suggested by Scott Hosier, at a meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution, which featured a presentation by John (Scotty) Selch, on genealogical research, using the Periodicals Section of the Indiana State Library.

1985

The Scottish Society of Indianapolis was granted membership in the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations (COSCA) on February 21, 1985. As the result of the Society's rapid growth, the monthly meetings of the SSI were moved from the International Center of Indianapolis to the Clubhouse of Westlake Arms Apartments, home of Todd and Teresa Keith. The first meeting at this new location was convened on Wednesday, March 13, 1985.

Meetings of the General Membership were called to order at 7:00 PM on the second Wednesday of each month. The Board of Trustees met in the home of President Carter Keith at 4705 North Broadway.

In May of 1985, Carter convened an impromptu organizational meeting, while we were loading furniture onto a van, at the home of Charli Keith Turner and her daughter, DeAnna Lynn Turner, who were moving to Shellman, Georgia. I was asked to serve as Vice President and the Society's first Newsletter Editor. The first issue, Volume I, Number 1, of *The Thistle* was printed in June of 1985.

The Scottish Society of Indianapolis had grown from an initial gathering of nine (9) individuals, to include over sixty (60) memberships, thirty (30) of which were family memberships. The Society continued to develop a reservoir of information concerning Scottish Clans, genealogical research, music, tartans and, of course, Scotland. A small, but growing, Society library was stored at the home of the President.

The First Annual Founders Day Dinner and Ceilidh took place at the Clubhouse of Westlake Arms on Wednesday, November 13, 1985. The event was organized by Chairman Ann Grant Miller, decorations were supplied by Barbara (Bobbi) Murchie and Virginia (Ginny) Thompson, entertainment was provided by Piper Roderick A. (Roddy) MacDonald (the Elder), posters were created by Mrs. Stephen (Jacque) Andrews, the layout for the program, flyer, and tickets were provided by Robert (Bob) Miller, ticket sales were supervised by John Patrick, tables and chairs were put in place by William (Bill) Murchie, and the first Society election was directed by Chairman Lee Cloe.

The Society's first election yielded the following results: President Carter C. Keith, Vice President Carson C. Smith, Secretary John J. Patrick, Treasurer Jacque Andrews, ICI Liaison Brian J. McCall, Public Relations Officer Ann Grant Miller, and Reserve Duty Officer Louis D. Shepherd.

Meeting Places of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis

May 1984 to February 1985

International Center of Indianapolis
200 W. 49th St.
Indianapolis, IN 46208-3412
(317) 686-3850 Phone

September 1987 to March 1989

Marcy Village Apartments
4561 Marcy Ln.
Indianapolis, IN 46205-2044
(317) 259-7774 Phone

March 1996

Knights of Columbus
1040 N. Post Rd.
Indianapolis, IN 46219-4222
(317) 897-1577 Phone

January 2002

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
Rectory Basement
4217 Central Av.
Indianapolis, IN 46205-1896
(317) 283-5508 Phone

April 2002 to August 2002

All Souls Unitarian Church
5805 E. 56th St.
Indianapolis, IN 46226-1526
(317) 545-6005 Phone

November 2003 to December 2003

Church of St. Edward the Confessor
6361 N. Keystone Av.
Indianapolis, IN 46220-2156
(317) 253-3949 Phone

March 1985 to August 1987

Westlake Arms Apartments
6000 W. Lake Dr.
Indianapolis, IN 46224-7980
(317) 248-0666 Phone

April 1989 to February 1996

Trinity Episcopal Church
3243 N. Meridian St.
Indianapolis, IN 46208-4677
(317) 926-1346 Phone

April 1996 to December 2001

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Educational Building
10 W. 61st St.
Indianapolis, IN 46208-1594
(317) 253-1277 Phone

February 2002

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
Athletic Complex
500 E. 42nd St.
Indianapolis, IN 46205-1897
(317) 283-5508 Phone

September 2002 to October 2003

Indianapolis Firefighters Union Hall
748 Massachusetts Av.
Indianapolis, IN 46204-1609
(317) 262-5161 Phone

January 2004 to December 2006

Robert E. Sterrett Senior Center
8950 Otis Av.
Indianapolis, IN 46216-1033
(317) 549-4815 Phone

January 2007 to Present

The Latvian Community Center
1008 W. 64th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46260-4458
(317) 255-0992 Phone

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Secretary	Jerry G. Elliot
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President	Louis D. Shepherd
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Trustee	Mary Ann Pavlovich
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Vice Pres	Carter C. Keith
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1989-90 Thomas C. Milton
1991-92 Carson C. Smith
1993 Lee E. Cloe
1994 Louis D. Shepherd
1995 Marsha Smith Priest
1996 Frederick B. Dundas (Died 02/02/96)
1996 Lee E. Cloe (Interim)
1997-99 Diana Stevens
2000-04 Carson C. Smith
2005 Jack T. Davidson
2006-08 Gordon H. Inglis
2009-11 Gary L. Davidson
2012 Rebekah Lawson
2012-13 Mark G. Lawson
2014 Robin P. Jarrett

SSI Secretaries

1986 John J. Patrick
1987-88 Barbara Murchie
1989-90 Lynn Allyn Young
1991 Jerry G. Elliot
1992-98 Lee E. Cloe
1999 Judith P. Bastin
2000-02 Lee E. Cloe
2003-04 Nancy L. Foxworthy
2005 Ronald L. Walker
2006-09 Judith P. Bastin
2010 Gregory A. Bowers
2011 Walter Sherman
2012 Terry Miller
2013-14 Elisabeth Hedges

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1995-96 Elizabeth A. Hague
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1998-00 Rebecca Bilbrey
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1993 Louis D. Shepherd
1994 Marsha Smith Priest
1995 Frederick B. Dundas
1996 Bill McKnight
1997-99 Carter C. Keith
2000-03 Judith P. Bastin
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2005 Gordon H. Inglis
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2009-10 Matthew Douglass
2011-13 Gregory A. Bowers
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1997-01 Rebecca Bilbrey
2001-03 Mary E. Mahoney
2003-04 Carson C. Smith
2004 John E. Trotter
2005 George R. McMath
2006-14 Carol Atherton Clarkson

The Thomas H. (Tommy) Thompson Award

The time has come to present this year's Thomas H. (Tommy) Thompson Award for Excellence in Service to the Scottish Society of Indianapolis. On occasion, one of our newer members will ask, "Who was Tommy Thompson?" The question serves to remind me how very much the membership of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis has grown, and changed, since its founding in December of 1983.

A slender, darkly tanned, mustachioed man of average height, wearing black plastic framed glasses, Tommy is recalled by his widow, Ginny Sheely Thompson, as an especially "well-built" man who enjoyed swimming. He wore a kilt fashioned from the tartan of Clan Douglas, a khaki colored military styled tunic, and the Glengarry bonnet after which the US Army's overseas cap is modeled. He was a plainspoken man and possessed a wry sense of humor.

Thomas Hubbard Thompson was born on May 31, 1918, in Washington, DC, during his father's service as a Captain in the US Army in World War I. Tommy was descended from one of Indianapolis' prominent families. His great-grandfather, William S. Hubbard, owned the ground upon which L.S. Ayres was built, at the southwest corner of Washington and South Meridian Streets, and founded and served upon the Board of Directors of both Crown Hill Cemetery and Second Presbyterian Church. It was through his mother that Tommy was descended from Katherine Douglas.

Tommy was an only child. His father's career relocated the family to the American South. Tommy attended school in Florida and Alabama, where he was called a "Damned Yank." Ironically, upon the family's return to Indianapolis, his schoolmates called him a "Damned Reb." Tommy was a graduate of Shortridge High School. He attended Butler University, where he pledged Delta Tau Delta, and graduated with a degree in Business Administration and Economics in 1941.

Tommy Thompson enlisted in the US Army, the day following the Japanese attack upon Pearl Harbor, at the age of twenty-three. He served five years in the Pacific theater of operation as the Head of Ordinance in Leyte and the Philippines. Following the war's conclusion, Tommy returned to Indianapolis where he worked part-time for the CIT Credit Corporation, later Universal CIT, a lending institution, which financed freight carriers and personal auto loans.

It was there he met Virginia (Ginny) Sheely, Head of Personnel, in October of 1946. Like Tommy, Ginny was a graduate of Butler University. Like Tommy, Ginny had studied Business Administration and Economics. Like Tommy, Ginny had participated in the Greek system at Butler. Tommy was a Delta Tau Delta. Ginny was an Alpha Omega Pi. Like Tommy, Ginny had never married.

They were married in May of 1947 when, according to Ginny, “We both weighed 147 pounds in 1947!” Ginny has commented that, because Tommy and Ginny had both remained single into their thirties, the success of their marriage bore powerful witness to their mutual flexibility.

To comply with CIT’s corporate policy barring married employees, Tommy took a position with Standard Oil Company’s Indianapolis office’s at 11th and Capitol, and, later, 38th Street, across from the Indiana State Fairgrounds, where he worked as an Assistant Credit Manager for nineteen years.

Tommy and Ginny had one son, Douglas Hubbard Thompson, born in 1952, who later fathered their one granddaughter, Molly. Tommy continued to serve in the US Army, active and reserve, for twenty-two years, retiring in 1965 with the rank of Major. Following Standard Oil Company’s closure of its Indianapolis offices, Tommy was asked to relocate to either Chicago or Detroit. He opted, instead, to retire from Standard Oil Company in 1966 and joined First Federal Savings and Loan Association, later, First Indiana Bank, moving from offices on the Indianapolis Westside to Nora, Carmel, and Westfield.

Tommy retired from the private sector, leaving his position as Assistant Vice President and Head of Security for First Indiana Bank, on his 65th birthday on May 31, 1983. He served two terms on the Clay Township Advisory Board and was a Charter Member of Orchard Park Presbyterian Church where he served two terms as a deacon. He was a member of the Retired Officers Association of Indiana, American Legion Kennington Post No. 34 in Broad Ripple, and the Indianapolis-Marion County and Carmel-Clay Historical Societies.

Tommy built, and later remodeled, their home at 10680 Highland Drive, with his own hands, and with, she would be quick to add, no small help from his wife, Ginny. Tommy and Ginny, who is, herself, of German extraction, traveled five times to Scotland and four times to Germany. They became involved in Scottish-American Heritage activities as enthusiastic supporters of Clan Douglas. Tommy and Ginny attended games and gatherings in Carrollton, Kentucky, and Gatlinburg, Tennessee, setting up camp in a Brown Dodge Van outfitted with curtains that Ginny had made.

The Scottish Society of Indianapolis was founded by its first President, Carter Keith, with the filing of an official letter of intent, with the Indiana Secretary of State, on December 1, 1983, to become effective December 31, 1983. Tommy and Ginny Thompson joined the Scottish Society of Indianapolis in its first year. Tommy was elected to serve upon the Board of Trustees in 1987, 1988, and 1989, and represented the Society at its Cultural Booth at the International Festival of Indianapolis, and built the Celtic cross displayed at Society functions.

As the result of the efforts of Trustee Tommy Thompson, the Scottish Society of Indianapolis sponsored two firsts on Sunday, November 15, 1987, with two Kirkins o' the Tartan. The first, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church at 10:00 AM, and, the second, later that same day, at Christ Church Cathedral Episcopal Church at 4:00 PM, in connection with its 150th Anniversary Celebration.

Tommy was diagnosed with terminal cancer, following his election in November of 1988, to the 1989 Board of Trustees, and given less than one year to live. He resigned from the Board who, under the direction of President Tom Milton, at their meeting in February of 1989, named Tommy "Director Emeritus" in recognition of his many invaluable contributions to the Scottish Society of Indianapolis.

Tommy faced his cancer head on, using the time remaining to prepare his wife, Ginny, to manage their affairs without him. I am so very grateful that, during that final summer, I had the opportunity to spend an evening, sitting on the back porch, and watching the sunset, with Tommy and Ginny Thompson.

Tommy died in the home he and Ginny had built with their own hands, in August of 1989. He was laid to rest in the uniform of the United States Army, which he had worn through twenty-two years of service, active and reserve. The members of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis appeared at Tommy's funeral dressed in full Scottish regalia. At the cemetery, his old friend, Colonel Bill Murchie, piped Tommy off with *Amazing Grace*. No Highland Chief ever received a finer send-off than Tommy Thompson.

Throughout his life, and in that final summer prior to his death, Tommy modeled the pursuit of excellence. And, so it is, that I am honored to call Tommy's widow, Ginny Thompson, to the podium, to present this year's Thomas H. (Tommy) Thompson Award for Excellence in Service to the Scottish Society of Indianapolis.

Recipients of the Thomas H. (Tommy) Thompson Award for Excellence

1989	Lynn Allyn Young	1990	Stephen K. Andrews
1991	Lee E. Cloe	1992	Louis D. Shepherd
1993	James Lamb	1994	Carter C. Keith
1995	Michael and Diana Stevens	1996	Frederick B. Dundas (Posthumous)
1997	Mary Ann Innes Pavlovich	1998	Jeanne B. Blake
1999	Diana Stevens	2000	Rebecca Bilbrey
2001	Judith P. Bastin	2002	Lewis E. Forbes (Posthumous)
2003	Kristy A. Byers	2004	Carson C. Smith, FSA Scot
2005	Nancy L. Foxworthy	2006	Jack T. Davidson
2007	Rebekah Lawson	2008	George R. McMath
2009	Bennett F. Lynch	2010	John D. Dockery, II
2011	Gary and Julie Davidson	2012	Andy and Mary Thompson
2013	Ronald L. Elliott	2014	To Be Determined

Honorary Titles Conferred by the Scottish Society of Indianapolis

Founder and President Emeritus

Carter C. Keith

Secretary Emeritus

Maj. Lee E. Cloe, D. Ed., USAF (Ret.)

Trustee Emeritus

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2003 Annual Report of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis

Good evening, and welcome to the 19th Annual Meeting and Founders Dinner of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis. If we were to determine the state of the Society, based upon New Member recruitment, the state of the Society is sound.

This is the 19th Annual Meeting and Founders Dinner of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis. I am honored to have appeared upon the slate of nominees in 11 of our 19 elections for the Board of Trustees, 4 times as Vice President, and 7 times as President. If it is, in fact, the will of our membership, this will be my fifth consecutive year, in my second term in office, as President of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis.

It is not my goal to serve as "President for Life." As a matter of fact, when Vice President Judith Bastin chaired the Board of Trustees, acting as a Committee of the whole, to revise the Society's Constitution several years ago, I advocated the imposition of term limits upon the office of President. I was overruled. I serve at the pleasure of the membership. I will not remain in office one day longer than it is necessary for me to do so. The last thing I want to hear is one of our members saying, "I wish this guy would move or die!"

The successes we have enjoyed have resulted from the efforts of a number of very talented people. Our Vice President, and Editor of The Thistle Newsletter, Judith Bastin; our Secretary, Nancy Foxworthy; our Treasurer, Kristy Byers; and our current Trustees Ed Adams, Jack Davidson, and Gordon Inglis.

The preceding year has not been without its challenges. Perhaps the greatest single reversal we have experienced was the loss of our meeting place at the Indianapolis Firefighters Union Hall.

As a result of the efforts of Jeanne Blake, we relocated this meeting to the Church of St. Edward the Confessor. Our December meeting will take place here as well. After that, the Trustees will consider a motion by Treasurer Kristy Byers, to move our meeting to the Sterrett Senior Center at Fort Benjamin Harrison.

Flowers of the Forest

In the preceding year, we have witnessed the passing of Carl Dortch, Mary Stewart, and Liz Johnson. But their faithfulness, and their dedication to the objectives of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis, has left us a powerful legacy.

New Members

We have also welcomed the arrival of thirty (30) New Members. Many have come to us through www.indyscot.org. Membership applications can now be downloaded from the Internet. All hail Paul Burns, the Web Leprechaun!

Involvement

I would like to express my particular appreciation to the following members, who volunteered to help at the Cultural Booth of the International Festival, which is an, often grueling, four (4) day event: Ed Adams, Judith Bastin, Greg Bowers, Kristy Byers, Jack and Kathryn Davidson, John and Becky Dockery and daughter Sara, Gene, Heather and Iain Clevinger, Nancy Foxworthy, Judy, Lewis and James Gill, David Hager, Tonya Henderson, Gordon Inglis and Aina Clayton, Mary Mahoney, Tom McClure, Janet Nichols, Patty Smith, and John Trotter and Linda Sidwell. The Society won Second Place Honors for Education due, in large measure, to improvement in the Society's Cultural Booth Kit by Jack and Kathryn Davidson.

Summary

My goal, as President, has been to create a stage upon which everyone one can play a part, and you have done so magnificently. We have come together to celebrate the rich and glorious heritage we share, as the Sons and Daughters of the Lowlands, Highlands and Islands of Scotland. From our very beginning, the Scottish Society of Indianapolis has sought to encompass all areas of Scottish interest. The prevailing Spirit is, and must remain, one of inclusion.

We are Genealogists, Historians, Pipers, and Dancers. We are First Person Reenactors, Victorians and Moderns, Jacobites and Hanoverians.

We represent every possible point of view in matters of politics and religion. Monarchists, Radicals, Conservatives, Liberals, Moderates, Liberals, and Undecided; Republicans, Democrats, Greens, Independents, Libertarians and Whigs; Skeptics, Deists, Theists, Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Protestant and Celtic Christians, Unitarians, Universalists, New Age, Pagans and Wiccans.

But what has bound us together is our shared love for all things Scottish. May it ever remain so.

Carson C. Smith, FSA Scot

Indianapolis Based Scottish Cultural Groups

Scottish Society of Indianapolis, Inc.

Established	December 1983
Founder	Carter C. Keith
Membership	130 Individual and Family Memberships
President	Mark Lawson
Secretary	Terry Miller
Meetings	Monthly Meetings at the Latvian Center
Newsletter	Quarterly

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Scottish American Club of Indiana

Established	April 1994
First President	Adam McDonald
Membership	50 Individual and Family Memberships
Treasurer	Marguerite Hendrie
Meetings	Annual Burns Supper, Annual General Meeting
Newsletter	Intermittently

Scottish American Club of Indiana
Mrs. Hugh C. (Marguerite) Hendrie, Treasurer
7960 Conarroe Rd.
Indianapolis, IN 46278-1206

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Indianapolis Based Pipe Bands

Murat Highlanders Pipe Band

Established	September 1949
Founder	George L. Stalker
History	1949-51 Hoosier Highlanders Pipe Band 1951-02 Murat Highlanders Pipe Band
Membership	11 Pipers and 10 Drummers
Events	St. Patrick's Day Parade, Tartan Ball, Shrine and Masonic Events and Parades

Murat Highlanders Pipe Band
510 N. New Jersey St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204-1517

(317) 635-2433 Office
www.murathighlanders.org

Indianapolis 500 Gordon Pipers

Established	March 1962
Founder	Wallace Gordon Diehl, DVM
Membership	18 Pipers and 14 Drummers
Events	St. Patrick's Day Parade, Tartan Ball, 500 Festival Parade, the Indianapolis 500, Indy Irish Fest and the Indianapolis International Festival

Indianapolis 500 Gordon Pipers
Dr. Wallace Gordon Diehl, Pipe Major
325 Acre Av.
Brownsburg, IN 46112-1317

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(317) 852-9319 Band
www.gordonpipers.com

Celtic Cross Pipe Band

Established	November 1980
Dissolved	November 2001
Founder	Roderick A. (Roddy) MacDonald
History	1980-85 Clan Nae Gael Pipe Band 1985-94 Scottish Society Pipe Band 1994-01 Celtic Cross Pipe Band
Membership	Disbanded
Events	Scottish American Club of Indiana Burns Supper

Celtic Cross Pipe Band

Roderick A. (Roddy) MacDonald, Pipe Major

9783 Haverstick Rd.

Indianapolis, IN 46280-1851

(317) 844-1970 Roddy MacDonald

Indianapolis Firefighter's Emerald Society Bagpipe Band

Established	1995
Membership	14 Pipers and 8 Drummers
Events	St. Patrick's Day Parade, Indy Irish Fest, and Fire Department Events and Parades

Indianapolis Firefighters Emerald Society Bagpipe Band

Clayton E. Thomas, Drum Major and Business Manager

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Cumberland, IN 46229

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Dalriada Society Pipe Band

Established	October 1999
Founders	Bret Widdifield and Rufus Campbell
Membership	Unknown
Events	St. Patrick's Day Parade, Indy Irish Fest, and the Irish Children's Fund Benefit

Dalriada Society Pipe Band
Bret Widdifield, President
8418 Chittimwood Dr.
Indianapolis, IN 46227-2715

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Indiana Caledonia Pipe Band

Established	2004
Founders	Craig Waugh, Hugh Sutherland, Jamie Stewart
Membership	7 Pipers and 3 Drummers
Events	Scottish American Club of Indiana Burns Supper

Indiana Caledonia Pipe Band
Craig L. Waugh, Pipe Major
12219 Redgold Run
Carmel, IN 46032-8355

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Indianapolis Based Highland Dancers

Cornelius Highland Dancers

Established	1985
Founder	Katherine A. Cornelius
Membership	40 Dancers
Events	Tartan Day, Gordon Pipers Tartan Ball, Kentucky Scottish Weekend and Columbus Scottish Festival, Indianapolis International Festival, Indy Irish Fest

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