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## Clackmannan Tower

In the rolling hills of Clackmannanshire in the Forth Valley near the Forth River is a site called Kings Seat Hill. This is where David II, King of Scots, in 1359 granted the land to his kinsman, Robert Bruce, who became the first Baron of Clackmannan. All Bruces today are from the Scottish line that began with him. The earliest part of the tower may have been built around that time.

Bruces who attended the festivities in Scotland in 2014 were treated to a private tour of the Tower by Historic Scotland.

Most tower houses were simple rectangular forms three stories high. In the 15<sup>th</sup> century a tall south wing was added to Clackmannan Tower and the height increased. In the late 16<sup>th</sup> century, a mansion was built on the west side of the tower. In the illustration below, the mansion is in the back left, the south wing in the middle, and the original tower on the right. (continued on pages 5 and 6)



Photo of an illustration of the tower and mansion in the early 1800s – (courtesy of Historic Scotland)



### DEAR FAMILY —

As I sit down to write this letter, January of the new year is closing out on us, but has provided us with good memories of our Burn's Night suppers and the festive entertainment which usually goes along with them. This year Phyllis and I attended the Burn's event sponsored by the Minnesota Saint Andrew Society and held at the Officer's Club at Fort Snelling, only a short distance from our home. It was indeed a festive event, with all of the traditional trappings that this celebration entails. I really hope each of you were able to attend one of your local events and have, or will, make these an annual part of your Scottish oriented activities. I really believe that you must live your "Scottishness" if you desire the most reward from this part of your identity. So, wear your Bruce Tartan kilt (or skirt & sash) with pride every chance you get, and, while you are at it, spread the word about our Scottish and Bruce heritage to everyone you encounter. You will enjoy yourself more, and your friends and family will thank you if you do.

This issue contains a great deal of information on Clackmannan Tower, which I certainly will not try to duplicate here. However, I do want to tell you that toward the end of the FOBII visit there this past summer, arranged by Lord Elgin, I had conversation with one of the Historic Scotland representatives who was there to expedite our visit. At that time I was informed that they would welcome financial support from FOBII in their efforts to preserve (and hopefully eventually restore) this important structure. The articles about this structure in this issue of the Blue Lion will inform you concerning the importance of this tower house, both in the history of Scotland and for the Family Of Bruce in particular. Your board has had extensive discussion about what we might be able to do in this regard, and all board members save one have personally visited

the site and have a good idea about what needs to be done and what might be done to preserve and restore it. At present we await developments in Scotland before we undertake any further conversation in this regard. We will certainly keep you informed.

As I conclude this letter it is bitterly cold here in Minnesota and light snow is falling which will have to be removed by one of my snow machines. I am looking forward to spring and warmer weather – and that, of course, means that "games season" will not be far off. Then I can put away my heavy wool kilt and break out my lighter weight one. In the mean time I will try to stay warm by thinking warm thoughts about all of my FOBII family.

**YOURS AYE, WILLIAM**



I to r; William, Phyllis and son Scott at the St. Andrews Society of Minnesota Burns Night Dinner



## 2015 – PROPOSED SCOTTISH EVENTS

*Here's the list of Highland Games and Festivals proposed for Bruces to participate in 2015. Games Hosts can always use helpers!!!!*

### CALIFORNIA –

April 25-26 – 139th Anniversary  
Sacramento Valley Scottish Games and Festival - Yolo County Fairgrounds at Woodland, CA – Joel Bruce Crow  
<http://sacramentoscotgames.org/>

May 23-24 – Scottish Fest – Orange County Fair and Event Center – Orange County – Julie Goldsworth –  
<http://www.scottishfest.com/#!>

August 1-2 – Monterey Scottish Games and Celtic Festival – Joel Bruce Crow  
<http://www.montereyscotgames.com/>

September 5-6 – 150th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games in Pleasanton – Joel Bruce Crow  
<http://thescottishgames.com/>

October 9-11 – Seaside Highland Games– Ventura County – Julie Goldsworth  
[www.seaside-games.com/](http://www.seaside-games.com/)

### CANADA --

May 16-18 – 152nd Victoria Highland Games, Topaz Park, - Susan White  
<http://victoriahighlandgames.com/>

June 27 – Red Deer Highland Games – tentative – Reid Fisher  
<http://www.reddeerhighlandgames.ca>

Sept 5 – Calgary Highland Games – Springbank Park, Calgary - Reid Fisher  
<http://calgaryhighlandgames.org/about>

Sept 5-6 – Canmore Highland Games, Centennial Park, Canmore, AB – Reid Fisher  
<http://www.canmorehighlandgames.ca/>

COLORADO – Robert Bruce  
July 18-19 – Elizabeth Celtic Festival  
Casey Jones Park – Elizabeth, CO.  
<http://elizabethcelticfestival.com/>

NEW

August 1 - 2 – Colorado Scottish Festival – Snowmass, CO tentative  
[www.scottishgames.org/](http://www.scottishgames.org/)

MOVED

September 10-13 – Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival – Estes Park  
[www.scotfest.com](http://www.scotfest.com)

GEORGIA – Deb Bruce Gottlieb & Steve Bruce

October 16-18 – Stone Mountain Highland Games [www.smhg.org](http://www.smhg.org) – Annual Meeting – 1pm and Annual Dinner at 6pm on Saturday!!

INDIANA – Polly Bruce Tilford  
September 12-13 – Columbus Highland Games, Columbus  
[www.scottishfestival.org](http://www.scottishfestival.org)

KENTUCKY – Joseph Ryan Bruce  
May 29-31 – Glasgow Highland Games, Glasgow  
[www.glasgowhighlandgames.com](http://www.glasgowhighlandgames.com)

MAINE – Charles F. Bruce III  
August 15 – Maine Highland Games, Topsham Fairgrounds  
[www.mainehighlandgames.org](http://www.mainehighlandgames.org)

MINNESOTA – William Bruce & Don Bruce  
July 18 – Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games, Faithful Childhood Catholic School, Eagan  
[www.mnscottishfair.org](http://www.mnscottishfair.org)



## 2015 – PROPOSED SCOTTISH EVENTS

### **NEW YORK** – Nick Carrado

August 8 – Central New York Scottish Games, Long Branch Park, Onondaga County  
[www.cnyscottishgames.org/CNY\\_Scottish\\_Games/Welcome.html](http://www.cnyscottishgames.org/CNY_Scottish_Games/Welcome.html)

### **OKLAHOMA** – MarLo Alexander

September 18-20 – Oklahoma Scottish Games & Gathering, Tulsa  
[www.tulsascottishgames.org](http://www.tulsascottishgames.org)

### **OHIO** –

June 26-27 – Ohio Scottish Games – Kenneth Swank Lorain County Fairgrounds, Wellington, OH  
<http://www.ohioscottishgames.com/>

### **VIRGINIA** – Gerald Cousins

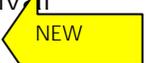
October 24-25 – Central Virginia Highland Games and Celtic Festival – Richmond Raceway Complex, VA -  
<http://vacelticfestival.com/>

### **WASHINGTON** – Susan White

August 29-30 - Hood Canal Highland Celtic Festival – Belfair State Park, Belfair Washington – tentative  
<http://www.hoodcanalscots.org/>



September 12-13 – Kelso Highland Festival - Kelso, Washington tentative  
<http://www.kelso.gov/visitors/highlander-festival>



**WISCONSIN** – William Bruce & Don Bruce  
Sept 4 – 6 Wisconsin Scottish Fair  
Waukesha Expo Ctr – Waukesha, WI  
[www.wisonsinscottish.org/](http://www.wisonsinscottish.org/)

There are other Scottish games and events that could have a Bruce tent and presence. However, we need games hosts and volunteers. The games are:

**GEORGIA** – Blairsville – June 13-14 -  
<http://www.blairsvillescottishfestival.org/>

### **FLORIDA** –

Central Florida Scottish Highland Games – January 17-18 - <http://www.flascot.com/>

Sarasota Highland Games – Sarasota Florida – January 31 -  
<http://www.sarasotahighlandgames.com>

Northeast Florida Scottish Games – Jacksonville, February 28 -  
<http://www.neflgames.com/>

Scottish American Society of South Florida – Fort Lauderdale – March 21, 2015 -  
<http://www.sassf.org/>

**NORTH CAROLINA** – Grandfather Mtn – July 9-12 - <http://www.gmhg.org/>

**NEW HAMPSHIRE** – Loon Mountain – Sept 18-20 - <http://www.nhscot.org/>

**SOUTH CAROLINA** – Greenville – May 23-24 - <http://gallabrae.com/>

### 2015/2016 Scottish Games & Events

Please let Deb Bruce Gottlieb know if you have any particular Scottish games or events you suggest a Family of Bruce International attendance. We always need members attending our games to march and help greet visitors!!! Some of these games can be considered for 2016!!!

Contact: [deb@familyofbruce.org](mailto:deb@familyofbruce.org) or mail at: 1495 Jones Road, Roswell, GA 30075



Tower Houses, also called Keeps, like Clackamannan were common in the middle ages and were built by noblemen to provide protection, to command, and to defend the property with limited number of resources.



The front of Clackmannan Tower

In the 18<sup>th</sup> century the Baron at the time, David Bruce, declared bankruptcy and sold the estate. His son, Henry, the last of the male line, and who also supported the Jacobites in the 1745 uprising, lived in the mansion. He died in 1772 and his widow, Lady Catherine Bruce, lived in the declining mansion until her death in 1791. In October 1787, Lady Catherine Bruce 'knighted' Robert Burns with the sword which belonged to Robert the Bruce and is now in the possession of Lord Elgin. After her death, the house and tower were abandoned and by 1841 the house was demolished.



On the left is a picture of Lady Catherine Bruce. On the right is the sword that belonged to Robert the Bruce and which was used to 'knight' Robert Burns.



In the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, settling due to mine workings, caused a major structural collapse of the east side of the tower. Historic Scotland then took over guardianship and has made extensive repairs to preserve the tower. Some of the repairs to the outside of the tower can be seen on the picture to the left.

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Back view of the Tower - Look closely on the lower right quadrant to see the image of a roof line where the former mansion connected to the tower.

The inside of the tower is normally not open to the public; however, Lord Elgin coordinated with Historic Scotland to provide a tour! Since there were many there, the tours were divided into several groups. Hard hats were required!!!



On the first floor of the Tower, the guide gave an overview of the structure and the reconstruction plans. Note the scaffolding on the left.



Looking up from the scaffolding is a section of a wall with a fireplace in the center and door ways on each side.



One of the many fireplaces



A room near the top floor.  
Notice the stone/brick work on the ceiling.



One of the many circular narrow steep staircases



A view from the top of the tower looking south into the Forth Valley. The River Forth is in the distance about a mile away.

Clackmannan Tower is significant for a number of reasons. The primary one is that the present Bruce line begins with the first Baron of Clackmannan. The tower is a fine example of a 14<sup>th</sup> Century Keep and is located in an area of strategic significance since the pre-historic age. The Clackmannanshire area was settled by many distinguished Scottish families for its close proximity to the royal court at Stirling Castle. For more info: [www.visitscotland.com/en-us/see-do/itineraries/history/clackmannanshire-tower-trail](http://www.visitscotland.com/en-us/see-do/itineraries/history/clackmannanshire-tower-trail))



# BURNS NIGHT SUPPER – 2015

Bruces from across the world celebrated the 256<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of the Robert Burns. Also known as ‘Rabbie Burns’ he is widely regarded as the national poet (or bard) of Scotland and he and his works are celebrated worldwide mostly on or around his birthdate of January 25. The Burns Supper fare consists of haggis, neeps and tatties, and many toasts with Scotch whisky. For those who receive the Blue Lion via email, see page 16 for an e-version of a traditional Burns Night Supper program.

## In Scotland...

Lady Elgin, Charles Lord Bruce, Hon. Alexander Bruce and his wife Vikki attended a traditional Burns Supper at the Dunfermline United Burns Club which is one of the oldest Burns Clubs in the world and was formed in 1812 just 18 years after the death of the bard. Lord Bruce, carried the sword of Robert the Bruce behind the piper during the traditional ceremony. This is the sword used by Lady Catherine Bruce to ‘knight’ Robert Burns when he visited her at Clackmannan. (See page 5 for more information on this event).

## In Bloomington, IN...

Rex Bruce, founder of Bruce International, recalls his memories of past Burns Suppers “The tradition of commemorating the Scottish poet Robert Burns with a supper has continued for over 200 years. The ritual was started by close friends of Burns a few years after his death in 1796. We, the Scottish Society of Greater Bloomington, Indiana, hosted our Annual Robert Burns Evening with 97 Scots in attendance. A good time was enjoyed by all.”



At the Bloomington Burns Supper Polly Bruce Tilford plays ‘Scots Wae Hae’ on her pipes. The words were written by Robert Burns in 1793 in the form of the speech given by Robert the Bruce before the Battle at Bannockburn. The tune is an ancient Scottish Air called Hey Tutti Tati and is believed to have been played before the Battle of Bannockburn.



Norma and Rex Bruce at the Scottish Society of Greater Bloomington 2015 Burns Night Supper



FOBI members John Tilford, Linda Bruce Bucklin, Polly Bruce Tilford, Ivan Lancaster, Norma Bruce, Carole Ann Lettelleir and Rex Bruce



**In Minneapolis, MN...**

The Family of Bruce was well represented at the 39th Annual Robert Burns Dinner hosted by the St. Andrew's Society of Minnesota on January 31, 2015. The dinner was held at the Fort Snelling Officers' Club near the Minneapolis St. Paul International Airport. The traditional dinner started with generous helpings of haggis and tatties and neeps, followed by prime rib or walleye. Don and Kathy Bruce, who are vice presidents of St. Andrew's, were very much involved in setting the dinner up and hosting it. It was a grand evening, conversation and whisky flowed, and ended with a rousing rendition of Auld Lane Syne.



From l to r back row: Phyllis and William Bruce, Megan Blecklinger, Don and Kathy Bruce, Shelby Bruce  
Front row: Andy Bruce, Scott Bruce, and Charley Bruce



Houston Club Scotch Whisky Dinner: Ted Hirtz - Chieftain Burns Heather & Thistle Society Houston 1992-1993, Vizi Caldwell, Sam Caldwell's portrait of Robert Burns, & Simon Brooking Master Ambassador Laphroaig, USA.



Robert Burns Dinner Heather & Thistle Society : Jack Hume - Chieftain Burns Heather & Thistle Houston 1973-1974 & 1978-1979 & Chairman Burns Memorial Project Hermann Park, Houston, Vizi Caldwell & Robert Boyd - President Robert Burns Association of North America



Re-dedication of the Bust of Robert Burns - Hermann Park, Houston Texas: Helen Mann, M.B.E. - Former Vice Council with the British Consulate 1971 - 2005 with Vizi Caldwell.

**In Texas...**

FOBI member Vizi Caldwell attended several events honoring Robert Burns. The first event was at the Houston Club Scotch Whisky Dinner, the second at the Robert Burns Dinner Heather & Thistle Society, and the third was a rededication of the Bust of Robert Burns - Hermann Park, Houston Texas.



**TRIBUTES AND RECOGNITION**

**FLOWERS OF THE FOREST**

Ms. Myrtle E. Bruce – October 25, 2014  
of East Haven, Connecticut

FOBI member Jacquelyn Dawn Familant has proudly changed her name to Jacqueline Bruce! Jacqueline is an international professional opera soprano singer, voice instructor, and lives in Clearwater, Florida.



## Liveries

By Thomas Allen Bruce

A Scottish blazon of Arms, when describing the Crest, will read: "On a wreath of the Liveries..." The "Liveries," as meant in such a blazon, are the main metal and the main color on the shield of Arms. The liveries or "livery colors" can be deployed apart from the complete Arms for armorially based decorative effect.

One of the classic uses for the liveries is as racing colors. Our Chief, Lord Elgin, in his younger days, was a rally driver, and a great promoter of rally driving in Scotland, and his race car sported a paint scheme in his liveries of Or and Gules (Gold and Red.)

Lord Elgin is an enthusiastic user of heraldry, and has found several other ways to employ his liveries. He often uses a flag known as a "livery banner," which is a flag in the two livery colors. A livery banner can be rectangular or swallow tailed, and can also be displayed as a livery pennant, in which case it will be triangular, tapering to a point in the fly. In the lawn tent at Broomhall in which the reception was held in June of 2014 were a number of Lord Elgin's livery banners. [Illustration below] Even the flowers blooming around Broomhall during the 2014 celebration had blooms in Or and Gules.



Or and Gules (Gold and Red) Livery Banners are hung in the background at the reception at Broomhall in June 2014

Livery banners or pennants are much less expensive to have made up than are other armorial flags, so they are particularly useful when multiple flags are desired.

Just before the main celebration of the Bannockburn anniversary two Scottish gentlemen, Mr. Jim Singer and Mr. John MacDonald, made a week long walk across Scotland, from Aberdeen to Bannockburn, culminating in a gathering at Bannockburn the evening of the 21st of June. They brought soil from Aberdeen and scattered it on the field near the Bruce statue at Bannockburn, and Lord Bruce and his son Benedict laid a wreath at the cairn there.

Lord Elgin had presented Mr. Singer with a livery pennant, which he proudly carried for the entire journey.

It is very traditional to dress followers and servants in uniforms in the livery colors. James Bruce of Kinnaird was ridiculed for dressing his servants in uniforms of Or and Gules, which are the same colors used by British royalty for their servant's uniforms, but, of course, Kinnaird's livery colors were in fact Or and Gules. In such cases today it's customary to use a golden brown shade for Or and a maroon for Gules so that private liveries won't mimic Royal ones.

Many of the dress uniforms of British Army regiments are in some combination of Or and Gules for the basic reason that those are the British Royal livery colors.

At the banquet for the 2006 gathering celebrating the Enthronement of King Robert the Bruce all the people who served the medieval style feast there were dressed in livery surcoats.

Even today employees on large estates in Scotland often have a polo shirt in the Laird's liveries as a work uniform, with one of the badges associated with the Laird, or perhaps the Laird's Crest badge, embroidered on the shirt. Vehicles used on the estate may also be painted in the liveries. Often the liveries may be part of the color scheme of the interior of an armiger's house.

The Broomhall Curling Club's badge is in the Elgin liveries [Illustration below] and Lord Elgin sports striped socks in his liveries. The Bruce tweed has stripes in the livery colors, as does the tie that Lord Elgin devised for the 2006 celebration. One of the badges for the Elgin Regiment is in the Or and Gules liveries.



A few armigers have liveries that for one reason or another are not the main metal and main color in their Arms, but that is unusual.

The familiar circular badge on the grilles of Bavarian Motor Works automobiles is actually a livery badge, in the Argent and Azure (silver and blue) liveries of the Dukes of Bavaria.



## Membership – Polly Bruce Tilford

The Family of Bruce International warmly welcomes new members who have recently joined!!!

**“CEUD MILE FAILTE”  
(ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND  
WELCOMES IN SCOTS GAELIC)**

### NEW MEMBERS:

**California:** Betty Samson

**Colorado:** Ginie Ketterl and  
Andy Caldwell

**North Carolina:** Nancy Sinnett Tharpe

### NEW LIFE MEMBERS:

**California:** Rochelle Randall

**Florida:** Debra Gunn

**Illinois:** Martha Crothers

**90 Year Old Birthday Congratulations to  
Betty Samson**

**Thank you to members who have  
sent in their 2015 dues!!**

**It's time for....**

**2015 Annual Dues - \$25 payable  
to FOBI by January 1, 2015.**

**Please mail to:**

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There are three segments to Charitable Contributions:

1. Contributions to the Charitable Fund – members or others can give to general donations, donations for a specific purpose, and bequests through a will.
2. Scholarships – members can nominate a person involved in a Scottish activity for money to put towards lessons, attire, or school trip expenses.
3. Trophies/Awards – members can request monies to be used for specific trophy and awards at Scottish activities.

To donate to the Charitable Contribution Fund, send a check made payable to FOBI or Family of Bruce International with a notation that it is for Charitable Contributions. The check should be mailed to: Robert Bruce, Treasurer, 551 First Avenue, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090-2754. If you want to specifically note how the money should be allocated (such as for an award, Blue Lion printing, cost for highland games, etc.) please note that on the check and in a letter. Donations can be made in memory or in honor of a loved one and it will be printed in the Blue Lion.

To nominate someone for a scholarship, please write a letter to Don Bruce, 1051 Eagle Ridge Trail, Stillwater, MN 55082, and he will contact you for more specific information.

**Donations are tax-deductible!!!**

**This Blue Lion issue is 12 pages instead of 16 because there is a four page member roster insert!**

**The Deadline for input to the next  
issue of The Blue Lion is  
April 15, 2015!!**

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### **THE CHIEF'S ARMORIAL BEARINGS:**

**CREST:** A lion statant with tail extended Azure, armed and langued Gules.

**ARMS:** Or, a saltire and chief Gules, on a canton Argent a lion rampant Azure.

**MOTTO:** *FUIMUS* - We have been.

These armorial bearings are personal to the Chief and can only be used by him

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## TRADITIONAL BURNS NIGHT SUPPER PROGRAM

Burns Suppers are held each year to commemorate the birth of Robert Burns on or about January 25.

The host welcomes the guests and starts the evening, the meal commences with a recitation of the *Selkirk Grace*.

### Selkirk Grace.

Written in 1793 by Robert Burns

Some hae meat and cannot eat,  
Some cannot eat that want it;  
But we hae meat and we can eat,  
Sae let the Lord be thankit.

The soup course is served – Cock-a-leekie is the traditional soup which is a chicken soup served with leeks, carrots, and prunes

The Parade of the Haggis is a highlight of the evening when the chef carries in the Haggis on a platter followed by a piper playing a traditional Scottish tune and sets the steaming Haggis in front of the Host.

The chef, piper, and host (or reciter of the *Address to a Haggis*) are offered a 'guid' scotch whisky!!!

The *Address to a Haggis* is then recited and with much enthusiasm the haggis is sliced and served.

### Address to a Haggis.

Written in 1786 by Robert Burns

Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,  
Great chieftain o the puddin'-race!  
Aboon them a' ye tak your place,  
Painch, tripe, or thairm:  
Weel are ye wordy of a grace  
As lang's my arm.

The groaning trencher there ye fill,  
Your hurdies like a distant hill,  
Your pin wad help to mend a mill  
In time o need,  
While thro your pores the dews distil  
Like amber bead.

His knife see rustic Labour dight,  
An cut you up wi ready slight,  
Trenching your gushing entrails bright,  
Like onie ditch;  
And then, O what a glorious sight,  
Warm-reekin, rich!

Then, horn for horn, they stretch an  
strive:  
Deil tak the hindmost, on they drive,  
Till a' their weel-swallow'd kytes belyve  
Are bent like drums;  
The auld Guidman, maist like to rive,  
'Bethankit' hums.

Is there that owre his French ragout,  
Or olio that wad staw a sow,  
Or fricassee wad mak her spew  
Wi perfect sconner,  
Looks down wi sneering, scornfu view  
On sic a dinner?

Poor devil! see him owre his trash,  
As feckless as a wither'd rash,  
His spindle shank a guid whip-lash,  
His nieve a nit:  
Thro bloody flood or field to dash,  
O how unfit!

But mark the Rustic, haggis-fed,  
The trembling earth resounds his  
tread,  
Clap in his walle nieve a blade,  
He'll make it whistle;  
An legs an arms, an heads will sned,  
Like taps o thrissle.

Ye Pow'rs, wha mak mankind your  
care,  
And dish them out their bill o fare,  
Auld Scotland wants nae skinking ware  
That jaups in luggies:  
But, if ye wish her gratefu prayer,  
Gie her a Haggis!

Neeps and Tatties (mashed turnips and potatoes) accompany the haggis along with helpings of ale and whisky. Trifle or Cranahan is a typical dessert.

After the meal many toasts are offered including The Immortal Memory, Toast to the Lassies and Response from the Lassies, as well as the singing of Auld Lang Syne (written by Robert Burns in 1788) at the end of the evening.