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Lord Elgin Commissions A Bust of Robert I, King of Scots



Clay bust of Robert the Bruce fashioned by forensic artist Christian Corbet and his prominent team of doctors and scientists

The 2016 August issue of **THE BLUE LION**, contained an article about the “Lost Tomb of Robert the Bruce” that was discovered in 1818. From that discovery a number of molds of the King’s skull were cast before his remains were re-entombed in 1819. Three years ago, Lord Elgin commissioned forensic artist, Christian Corbet, to recreate the face of Robert the Bruce in a sculpture portrait. This was the first time a reconstruction was done using King Robert’s actual skull. (See page five for the continuation of the article)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DEAR FAMILY —

This month Lord Elgin, our Chief, celebrates his 93rd birthday. How fortunate we are to have someone of his caliber, wisdom, knowledge and experience heading our family. We are also fortunate that Lady Elgin, and all of the other Bruce's of their immediate family, are also persons who take pride in their heritage and are keenly interested in our extended American family. A huge THANK YOU to all of them for being who they are. I am certain that I can speak for all of the USA Bruce's in extending that thanks.

The FOBII Board is working on plans for the upcoming games season and we are looking forward to appearing in several new venues this year. A special edition of the BLUE LION is also in the works, focusing our attention on The Declaration Of Arbroath, the 700th anniversary of which comes up in 2020.

I know I have talked about this subject a great deal in the past, but nonetheless it is worth talking about once again, and that is PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT. We have sometimes had persons join our organization and then almost never hear from them again except when it comes time to pay their dues. Occasionally we will hear a complaint that they have not gotten out of their membership what they expected. Well, that almost always means that they have not put anything into their membership except their dues. We have so much to offer members who will involve themselves in FOBII by attending and helping out at events, writing articles and providing photos for our publications, contributing to our charitable endeavors, taking on positions of leadership, and getting involved in your local Scottish community and representing our family at that level – and so much more. I can also point to many members who have gotten involved and excited about their Scottish and

Bruce heritage and are contributing in a myriad of ways to FOBII and get more and more excited as their involvement progresses. Will you be one of those? I have asked our editor to include in this issue a page which has been included in our new member packet for quite some time, and is a listing of membership benefits. Please read that carefully. I do not consider that list as closed, as there any many more things which could be listed, both tangible and intangible.

I look forward to speaking with many of you during the coming games season. I am always pleased to hear from you by letter or e-mail and I take every communication from our members seriously and respond accordingly.

YOURS AYE, William



Phyllis & William Bruce with 'Robbie'
Courtesy of Jessie's Photography



2017 PROPOSED EVENTS

The Family of Bruce International Officers and Board of Directors appreciate all who have participated in and lead activities which include the Family.....

THANK YOU!

2017 Scottish Games:

Northern California – Joel Bruce Crow, Northern CA Commissioner

Sacramento Scottish Games – April 29-30 – Woodland, CA <http://sacramentoscotgames.org/>

Monterey Scottish Games – August 5-6 – Monterey County Fairgrounds <http://www.montereyscotgames.com/>

152nd Scottish Highland Gathering and Games – September 2-3 - Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton <http://www.thescottishgames.com/>

Southern California – Julie Goldsworth, Southern CA Commissioner

Costa Mesa Scottish games May 27-28 – Orange County Fair Grounds <http://www.scottishfest.com/>

Seaside Scottish Games – October 14-15 – Seaside Park, Ventura <http://www.seaside-games.com/>

Colorado – Robert Bruce, Colorado Commissioner
Elizabeth Celtic Festival, July 15-16 – Casey Jones Park, Elizabeth <https://sites.google.com/site/elizabethcelticfestival/>

Snowmass Scottish Festival, August 4-6, <http://www.scottishgames.org/>

Longs Peak Scottish Festival, September 7-10, Estes Park, <http://www.scotfest.com/>

Florida –

NE Florida Scottish Highland Games & Festival – Kathy Landing – Clay County Fairgrounds, Green Cove Springs – February 25 <https://www.neflgames.com/home.html>

SE Florida Scottish Festival and Highland Games – Debra Gunn – Plantation Heritage Park – March 4 - <http://www.sassf.org/>

Georgia – Deb Bruce Gottlieb, SE Commissioner & Steven Bruce

Stone Mountain Highland Games - October 20-22
Annual General Meeting – 1pm on Oct 21
Annual Bruce Dinner – 6pm on Oct 21 <http://www.smhg.org/>

Indiana - Polly Bruce Tilford
Columbus Scottish Festival, September 9-10
Bartholomew County Fairgrounds <http://scottishfestival.org/>

Illinois – Polly Bruce Tilford - **TENTATIVE**
Springfield Area Highland Games & Celtic Festival –
Date to be announced

Kentucky – Joseph Ryan Bruce
Glasgow Highland Games, June 2-4 <http://glasgowhighlandgames.com/>

Maine – Chuck Bruce, Maine Commissioner
Maine Highland Games, August 19 – Topsham Fairgrounds <http://mainehighlandgames.org/>

Minnesota – William Bruce, Pres. & Don Bruce, VP
Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games, July 15,
Faithful Shepherd Catholic School, Eagan, MN <http://www.mnscottishfair.org/>

Oklahoma – MarLo Alexander, Oklahoma Commissioner
Oklahoma Scot Fest, September 15-17 – Tulsa, OK <http://www.okscotfest.com/>

South Carolina – Kathy Landing, Games Host
Charleston Highland Games – Boone Hall Plantation –
September 16 <http://www.charlestonscots.org/the-games.html>

Tennessee – Joseph Ryan Bruce
Middle Tennessee Highland Games – September 9
Hermitage Plantation, Nashville - <http://midtenngames.com/>

Virginia – Gerald Cousins, Virginia Commissioner
Central Virginia Celtic & Highland Games, Oct 28-29,
Richmond VA Raceway Complex <http://vacelticfestival.com/>



Future Scottish Games & Events

Please let Rodney Bruce, Operations Officer, know if you have any particular Scottish games or events you suggest for Family of Bruce International!!!

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The purposes of **FAMILY OF BRUCE INTERNATIONAL**, as stated by the Right Honourable Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, are: "to develop interest in the Family and its history, to create a spirit of kinship among its members, and to record with pride the accomplishments of individual members of the Family for the next 1000 years." Specifically, the purposes of this corporation shall include, but not be limited to such charitable, benevolent, patriotic, civic, educational, social, and aesthetic activities related to the preservation of the genealogy of the Scottish Family of Bruce, preservation of the history of the Scottish family of Bruce and the family's role in the development of Scotland and elsewhere, preservation of the role of the Scottish and North American Families of Bruce in the history of the United States and Canada, and of the preservation of Scottish heritage and culture in general as well as the role of Scottish-Americans in the history of the United States and Canada. Such purposes shall also promote activities to preserve Scottish heritage and culture including, but not limited to educational scholarships and awards, music scholarships and awards, and the preservation of historical buildings and landmarks in the United States and abroad, in accord with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

BENEFITS:

- A subscription to "**THE BLUE LION**", our sixteen page national newsletter, published at least three times per year. You may opt to receive a black & white printed version sent by regular mail, or an all color version sent by e-mail which may be read on your computer screen or downloaded to your printer.
- This welcome packet containing further information concerning your new membership, family history, and ways for you to become more involved in our family organization.
- Access to our web site – www.familyofbruce.org – where you will find further information about our family organization, our history, genealogy, and much more. You will also have access to a "members only" forum. (See Page 14 for more information on our web site)
- An open invitation to come to Stone Mountain, Georgia, each October to join us for our annual Family Gathering and Annual General Meeting, to meet and get to know your Bruce kin from all over the United States. This event is held in conjunction with the "Stone Mountain Highland Games" – see – www.smhg.org – one of the largest gathering of Scots anywhere in the world.
- The opportunity to participate in local/regional games and other events as a representative of the Family of Bruce. Contact your regional/state commissioner for further information about helping to set up and/or staff a hospitality tent/booth at Scottish events in your area.
- We are also ready and able to assist you in learning about your Bruce heritage. We will be pleased to place you in contact with one or more members who will be able to advise/assist you in a wide variety of interests including, but not limited to, traditional Scottish clothing, tartans, genealogy, Scottish history, family history, Scottish music, Scottish dancing, Scottish travel, Scottish dogs, Scottish literature, and so very much more.
- We also have available for purchase, a variety of family related products including t-shirts, other clothing items, badges, books, DVD's, etc. in which you may be interested. See your most recent "Blue Lion" for a listing of what is currently available.
- All of the above is great, **BUT -----**
- The very best benefit of all is the opportunity to meet and get to know your Bruce kin from all over the United States, and sometimes from around the world. We cannot force you to take advantage of this benefit. It will take some initiative on your part. I can promise you a warm welcome. **Come join the family.**

WE HAVE BEEN – WE ARE – WE SHALL BE

BRUCE



Robert the Bruce's Face Revealed

By Deborah Bruce Gottlieb, FSA Scot

Forensic Artist, Christian Corbet, was commissioned by Lord Elgin to use a copy of the skull of Robert the Bruce to construct the King's image and also to focus on the issue of leprosy.

The press release by Western University in Canada on February 16, 2017 announced to the public the well-kept secret of the project to develop a sculpture using a plaster mold which was directly made from the original copy of Robert the Bruce's skull. Through the knowledge and skills of forensic artist Christian Corbet and Western University bio-archaeologist Dr. Andrew Nelson (<http://anthropology.uwo.ca/faculty/Nelson/>) and a team of anthropologic doctors, a most realistic image of Robert the Bruce was made. <http://mediarelations.uwo.ca/2017/02/16/western-researcher-forensic-sculptor-reject-scottish-king-roberts-leprosy-label/>

Both artist and bio-archaeologist had previously worked together on several significant facial reconstruction projects including those of a 2200 year old Egyptian mummy using CT and laser scans, the War of 1812 hero – Sir Issac Brock, and helped put a face to a WWI soldier Private Tom Lawless. Corbet's extensive sculpture portfolio includes subjects such as HM Queen Elizabeth II, HRH Prince Phillip, The Rt. Hon. Lord Elgin, and many other notable individuals.

In 2014, during his visit with Lord Elgin to construct the lord's portrait sculpture, the subject of Robert the Bruce and the verdict of leprosy were discussed. Corbet discussed with Lord Elgin his close work with Dr. Nelson on a number of other skeletal projects, and he believed they could properly analyze the skull of Robert the Bruce to determine if he had had leprosy or not. With Corbet's impeccable reputation plus personal contacts including HRH Prince Phillip, Margaret Atwood, and others, Lord Elgin consented to loan his copy of his ancestor's skull to Corbet. The purpose of this incredible project was two-fold – 1) to create an actual image of the King's face, as well as, 2) to analyze the leprosy ruling!



Corbet then headed back to his studio in Canada with proper documentation/letter from Lord Elgin that the skulls were his private property. With two skulls in his carry-on luggage and a shillelagh which was given to him as a gift Corbet made his way to airport security! There was no problem going through security with the skulls due to the letter, but when the alarm in the scanning process went off....he was asked about the type of wood in the shillelagh rather than the two skulls "glowing" on the monitor!

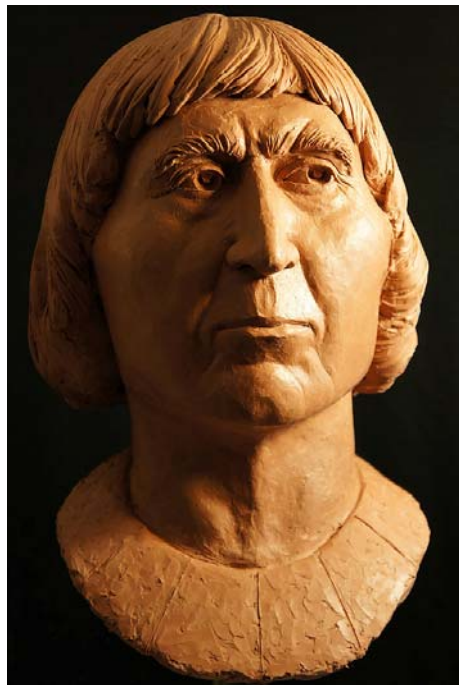
The Myth of Leprosy – Laid to rest!

Corbet and Dr. Nelson began their work first on the leprosy diagnosis. They consulted with internationally recognized paleopathologist and leprosy expert Dr. Olivier Dutour of France, and Dr. Stan Kogon, a professor specializing in forensic dentistry at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. Using modern methods for diagnosis, a study of the skull and information on other bones (such as the finger bone in the Hunterian Museum in Glasgow) was made. The conclusive decision, based on the lack of deteriorated bone in the nostril and finger usually caused by leprosy, was that Robert I King of Scots did not have leprosy or any indication of disease....."The bones don't lie".



Reconstructing The Face of the King – Robert the Bruce

The process of facial reconstruction took about 21 iterations and about 25-30 hours. The development was very much DaVinci-esque in that the construction of the face was a layer by layer progression of building muscle and tissue on a copy of the skull. No computers or imaging tools were used in the facial construction. The images below illustrate some of the iterations.



“It’s a new face for a great king, a new face for a great man” – Corbet



Corbet above with the finalized clay version of King Robert the Bruce! All work on the skull was done on a plinth by hand. Note the indentation on the left brow bone which most likely was caused in battle. Information from Lord Elgin indicated the King would not have had a beard, as there is recorded documentation that he had a man who shaved him. Also, the customary hair style at the time for a person of the King’s stature was one as illustrated in the sculpture. The King is intentionally without a crown or helmet to show Robert the Bruce as a man and leader of his people.

Robert the Bruce Bronze Sculpture Unveiled

The final sculpture portrait will be unveiled in bronze at the Stirling Smith Art Gallery and Museum by Charles, Lord Bruce on March 23, 2017. The Strathleven Artizans will have made a plinth out of the 700 year old Bruce Oak for the sculpture to be displayed on.

Much appreciation to Christian Corbet, Dr. Nelson, and their team for this incredible piece of art. The <http://www.christiancorbet.com/> web site has much information on the fascinating work by Christian Corbet. Also, click on **Robert the Bruce** at the top of the web page for much more information on the reconstruction process, press releases, and a video by Dr. Nelson!



2017 Robert Burns Suppers

Minnesota St. Andrews Society:



Left to right:
Layton Traver of
the St. Croix
Weavers who visit
the Stone
Mountain Games
along with William
Bruce Pres of FOBI
and his son Mark
Bruce

Left to right:
Andy and
Megan Bruce
with Don Bruce,
VP of FOBI



Bloomington IN Scottish Society:



Left to right:
Rex and Norma
Bruce

John Tilford on
the right before
addressing the
haggis



Scottish Society of Charleston, SC

The spirit of Robert Burns lives on with pride and distinction in the Lowcountry. On Saturday evening at the Daniel Island Club, the Charleston Scottish Society held their 46th Annual Robert Burns Supper celebrating the 258th Anniversary of the birth of writer and poet Robert Burns.



Left: Kathy and Joe
Landing attending the gala.

Below: Joe addressing the
haggis!



FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Robert J. A. Irwin, III
June 27 1927 – January 9, 2017

Amanda Michelle Underwood
April 26, 1970 – November 17, 2016
Beloved sister of MarLo Alexander,
Oklahoma Commissioner





Membership Committee 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:

- Florida – Donna Faryniarz
- Maryland – Abraham Taylor
- Michigan – Scott Owen Bruce
- Ohio – Mark J. Basil
- Oklahoma – Mary Kristen Appett

NEW LIFE MEMBERS:

- California – Stephanie Taylor & George A. Bruce
- Florida – Jacqueline Bruce
- Pennsylvania – Robert Blachley
- South Carolina – Kathy Landing & Robert Sewell

A 4-page roster of all Family of Bruce International members is included with this 12-page issue of the Blue Lion. If you receive the Blue Lion by email it will be an attachment; otherwise, it will be inserted in your paper Blue Lion.

**Annual Member \$25.00 Fee
Reminder...
Due –January 1, 2017**

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THANK YOU!

Charitable Contributions Don Bruce

Thank you to all who participate in the Family of Bruce International Charitable Contributions!

The Family of Bruce Officers and Board of Directors are discussing some new scholarship opportunities for 2017 that will be published in the May Blue Lion.

In the meantime, to nominate someone for a scholarship or to sponsor a trophy, please write a letter or send an email to Don Bruce, 1051 Eagle Ridge Trail, Stillwater, MN 55082 or bruce1051@comcast.net, and he will contact you for more specific information.

2017 Edinburgh Military Tattoo

The Family of Bruce will be honoured at the 2017 Edinburgh Military Tattoo on Friday, August 25, 2017. A number of emails have been sent out about this event and a list of interested participants has been formed. If you are interested, please send an email or letter to Deb Bruce Gottlieb at the email and address below. Please note tickets for this event must be purchased using the website... <http://brand1.enta.com/EntaConnectIII/WEBPAGES/EntaWebGateway/gateway.aspx?E=N&QL=S76|VEMT|G~/WEBPAGES/EntaWebShow/Clans.aspx> using the password of Bruce200 by March 1, 2017. Some members who have purchased tickets now cannot attend and their ticket(s) may be available.

**The Deadline for input to the
NEXT **BLUE LION** ISSUE IS
May 1, 2017**

**Send input to Deb Bruce Gottlieb!
Email: deb@familyofbruce.org or
1495 Jones Road, Roswell, GA 30075**



GIFTS AND MERCHANDISE!!!!

Are you starting to think about gifts for your beloved Scottish family member or friend??

Please see our inventory below!!!

Also remember that memberships make great gifts!

<http://www.familyofbruce.org/merch.htm>

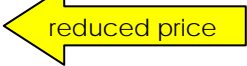
You can order these items using the order form on the other side of page!!!

BOOKS –

Duncan A. Bruce is a well-known author on Scottish events and people.

The Great Scot – a novel of Robert the Bruce, Scotland's Legendary Warrior King. Signed copy - \$27.00 (\$25 + \$2 shipping)

The Elgins – 1766-1917 – by Sydney Checkland. Period history of the Earls of Elgin, their families, and Broomhall. \$20.00 (\$20 + \$2 shipping)



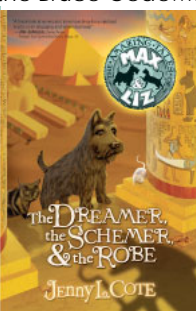
Epic Order of the Seven – by Jenny Cote

Series of books for children through adult about Max, the Scottish Terrier and a French cat named Liz. Order using the following website at

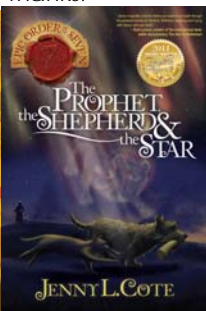
<http://www.epicorderoftheseven.com/> In the Cart, type BRUCE in the Group Code. 25% at will be donated to the Family of Bruce International – payment processed through PayPal. Due to new ordering process, please email ann@epicorderoftheseven.com to indicate you have placed an order for the Bruce Code.... Thanks!



\$14.99



\$14.99



\$15.99

Great for all aged Kids

DVDs –

The 700th Anniversary of The Enthronement of Robert Bruce. The DVD contains footage of the events on Sunday, March 26, 2006. You will hear the incredible music and an upfront view of the church service at St. John's Kirk, and the Ceremony of Acclaim and events at Scone Palace. The DVD is approx. two hours long. \$21.00 (\$20.00 + \$1.00 shipping)

Bruce Family History – DVD version. Family of Bruce Video was produced in 1974 by our Chief, the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine to mark the 700th anniversary of the birth of King Robert I. This is a very fine exposition of the history of our Family, and should be in the collection of every Bruce. \$21.00 (\$20 + \$1 shipping)

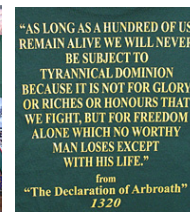
Also available as a VHS video for \$10.00

SHIRTS –

Green Bruce T-shirt with quote from the Declaration of Arbroath on the back. Sizes Small to 3XL – \$18.00 (\$15 + \$3 shipping)



Front



Back

Bannockburn 700th T-shirt

T-Shirts with the new Bruce Badge screen printed on the front and the new Bannockburn design on the back) Black Sizes – Small – XX-Large. \$23.00 (\$20 + \$3 shipping)



Back of Shirt

OTHER ITEMS –

Tote Bag – \$21 (\$18 +\$3 shipping) Cap - \$18 (\$15+\$3 shipping)



Natural Color



Black or Forest Green
Bruce or Scotland

Hat has the Embroidered American and St. Andrews Flags

Bruce Badges/Pin –



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Cards \$1.00 each with matching envelopes – Heather (shown), Thistle, Scottie Dog – Christmas Cards –Angel, & Bell



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Mission Statement: "To promote, honor, and preserve our Scottish and Bruce heritage by sponsoring activities, events, scholarships, and continual communication through the E-Magazine and website. We will therefore, provide educational information, tributes to our history and ancestors, and thereby attract Bruces and Septs into the enjoyment and celebration of our familial relationships.

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.

* The Crest and Arms belong to the Chief and can only be used by him. Use of the Crest surrounded by a buckled belt is acceptable.

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Separate Four Page Membership Roster

Broomhall House Renovated

Broomhall House in Dunfermline, Fife, Scotland, is the home of Lord and Lady Elgin and also for the Chiefs of the Bruces for over 300 years. Portions of the house have been transformed to function for private events and exclusive corporate functions. More to come on this in the May 2017 Blue Lion!

