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Bannockburn 2014 Update

2014 Bannockburn events are evolving and you have probably read or have seen many advertisements and information on the internet. Since many of the events are not fully defined and the time is still far enough away, there will be limited details on the Bruce Tour until 2013. Two key events planned in Scotland are June 24-29, 2014 at the Bannockburn Centre and on July 11-13, 2014 a *Gathering 2014* at Stirling. A new beautiful Bannockburn Centre is currently under extensive reconstruction and more information about the project and grand opening can be found at their website at <http://www.battleofbannockburn.com/About-the-project/>. In the next ten months or so, more detailed information about other events will be known and more comprehensive planning for a Bruce tour can be made. Thanks to all who have provided information about their interest in a Bruce Tour. Of course, you will be provided updates in future issues of **THE BLUE LION!!!!**



The cairn at the Bannockburn Battle Site
With the statue of King Robert I in the background

For God and St. Andrew

*Robert the Bruce
King of Scots
Planted his Standard
Near this Spot
When the
Scottish Patriots
Under his Command
Vanquished the Army of
Edward II of England at
The Battle of
BANNOCKBURN
24th June - 1314*

*We Fight not for glory nor for
Wealth nor Honour but only
and alone
We fight for freedom which no
Good man surrenders but with
his life*

Plaque Inscription on Cairn



DEAR FAMILY —

This month I will be at the Wisconsin Games in Waukesha on the 1st and 2nd. I will also be at the St. Louis Games on the 28th and 29th. Next month I will be at the Stone Mountain Games in Georgia on the 20th and 21st. Why do I make a point of this? It is because I would like to meet you in person. Now I do know a great many members of FOBI by both face and name, but there are still many of you who I know only by membership list. I would like that to change. If you cannot come to me, invite me to come to your "local" Scottish event and I will do my best to be there. I am usually right out front at the games events I attend, engaging people, answering their questions and responding to their comments.

As is explained elsewhere in this issue, we will be holding our AGM (Annual General Membership Meeting) at Stone Mountain again this year. Although it will be chaired by our Vice President, Don Bruce, I always reserve two agenda items for myself, making the formal greetings and then sharing my concerns and visions for FOBI in an informal speech. I would love to have you all there for that occasion, and give you opportunity to engage me on those things later in the day.

I just recently returned from a several day event which my wife organized. It was a reunion with virtually all of her first cousins, all of Swedish descent. I was struck by how much we Scots are both alike and unlike our Swedish cousins. Scots and Swedes (read Scandinavians) have had an instructive relationship – hundreds of years in the making – and the history of that relationship is certainly worth exploring. Some of you might be aware of the fact

that King Robert's eldest sister became the queen consort of Norway.

The reunion was held on Lake Superior's North Shore at a place called Cascade Lodge, owned and operated by Michael and Maureen O'Phelan who show their Irish heritage by displaying the Irish flag. I thought they should also display the Scottish National flag for the benefit of their Scottish cousins. The photo with this letter shows the both of them with Phyllis and I and the flag I presented to them. It is already hanging alongside their Irish flag.

This is a really good time to give a gift membership to someone in your immediate family. Download a membership application from the website and send it to our national secretary, Polly Bruce Tilford. I can guarantee that the person(s) who receive the gift membership(s) will thank you.

Kind regards, *William*



From Right to Left: William Bruce, Phyllis Bruce, Maureen O'Phelan and Michael O'Phelan owners of the Cascade Lodge on Lake Superior's North Shore



Join the Family of Bruce International members at the following games scheduled from September thru October 2012

Please contact a Commissioner or representative near you for more information!!

CALIFORNIA – Julie Goldsworth

October 12-14 – Seaside Highland Games --
Ventura County www.seaside-games.com/

GEORGIA – Deb Bruce Gottlieb & Steve Bruce

October 19-21 – Stone Mountain Highland Games www.smhg.org – Annual Meeting – 1pm and Annual Dinner at 6pm on Saturday!!

INDIANA – Polly Tilford

September 8-9 – Columbus Highland Games, Columbus www.scottishfestival.org

MISSOURI – William Bruce & Don Bruce

September 28-29 – St. Louis Scottish Games, Forest Park, St. Louis www.stlouis-scottishgames.com

OKLAHOMA – MarLo Alexander

September 14-16 – Oklahoma Scottish Games & Gathering, Tulsa www.tulsascottishgames.org

VIRGINIA – Gerald Cousins

September 1-2 – Virginia Scottish Festival – Alexandria <http://www.vascottishgames.org/>

October 20-21 Central Virginia Highland Games and Celtic Festival – Richmond, VA – tentative
<http://www2.richmond.com/entertainment/2012/may/14/central-virginia-highland-games-celtic-festiva-ar-1908132/>

WISCONSIN – William Bruce & Don Bruce
August 31 - September 2 – Wisconsin Scottish Fair, (Waukesha Expo Center – Waukesha, Wisconsin) www.wisconsinsscottish.org/

YOUR INPUT WANTED!!!!

We need **help** at games!!!
It's fun... it's easy and training is provided!!!!
If you are interested in helping out or hosting a Bruce Tent, please contact:
Deb Bruce Gottlieb
1495 Jones Road
Roswell, Georgia 30075
or to
deb@familyofbruce.org

Thank you to Steve Cline who volunteered to help out at the 64th Annual Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games & Clan Gathering in Enumclaw, Washington. He sent the following note to the FOBI webmaster...

"I would like to thank Susan White for asking me to help man the Bruce Family tent during our recent games. I enjoyed it very much and learned more about the Bruce family. Susan White had put together multiple notebooks containing a great deal of information about not only the Bruce family but also Scotland. She did a remarkable job and we had many visitors at the tent. I was honored to carry the Bruce banner during the parade of clans and did so with pride.

For those who have never volunteered to work at the games, I would suggest they do so as its fun, informative and a learning experience. We can always use more help. I hope that next year I have the chance to work the games again.

Sincerely,

Stephen Cline, Puyallup, WA"



Smoky Mountain Highland Games

Maryville, TN
May 18-20, 2012

Arline Guyton

The 31st Annual Smoky Mountain Highland Games (formerly The Great Smoky Mountains-Gatlinburg Highland Games) were held on a beautiful week-end on the Campus of Maryville College, "The Scots", Maryville, TN. Clan Hay was the honored clan this year. Thirty-four clans and six Societies were represented and there was a large vendor area containing Scottish wares and food.

A highlight of the Games is always the Friday Night Gala which is held in the Grand Lobby of the Clayton Arts Center on the Maryville College Campus.

On Saturday, the ever popular athletic competitions took place all day: Hammer Throw, Braemer Stone, Weight for Height Caber Toss, Sheaf Toss, and weight throw. Equally popular were the Scottish Highland Dancing and Pipes & Drums competitions, as well as the stirring Field appearances of the massed bands. Sheep herding by Border Collies was a strong draw.

The Scottish American Military Society, Post 328, of Knoxville, TN presented a Tribute to the Tennesseans who have died or are missing in the Global War on Terror. Also honored were 135 Tennessee veterans who died over the past ten years to maintain our freedom, as well as 139 service men and women who are still missing in action since Vietnam. The Tribute included a special song by renowned Scottish artist, Colin Grant-Adams, pipes, and three gun volleys fired.

Local and regional musicians performed on two stages. They included Colin Grant Adams, The Celtic Martins from Pennsylvania, Father Son and Friends from Ohio, Albannach, and Bob Valentine, Master of Ceremonies and performer.

For a fee one could attend a Whisky Seminar at the Maryville College dining hall. Also, for an additional fee, a "Ceilidh Under the Stars" was presented at 7pm on the Field by the Games entertainers.

This is an invitation to all Bruces to come to the 2013 Great Smoky Mountain Highland Games!!!!



From left – right: Dave and Patti Guyton Nuernberger of Peewee Valley, KY, Jenny Guyton McGlothin, Parker James Guyton, Arline Guyton (host), and Bruce Guyton at the Smoky Mountain Highland Games

64th Annual Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games & Clan Gathering Enumclaw, Washington

July 28-29, 2012

Susan Wilson

The Scottish Games at Enumclaw were held on July 28-29. Susan Wilson wore a number of hats this year at the games as her husband is the coordinator of the games and being a new bride she of course helped him out with the games volunteers as well as the Bruce tent volunteers. A big thank you to FOBI member Steve Cline and his wife as well as to Susan's cousins Barb and Greg Fund for working at the Bruce tent.



Steve Cline preparing to march in the games at Enumclaw!!



**Central New York Scottish Games
Long Branch Park, New York**

August 11, 2012

Ann E. Eldred & Nick Carrado

Many visitors came to the Bruce tent as well as many children to get their passports stamped. A great time was enjoyed by all!!!



Nick Carrado carrying the Bruce tartan banner in the Tartan Parade

Maine Scottish Games

August 18, 2012

Chuck Bruce – Maine Commissioner

The 34th Maine Highland Games were held August 18th at the Topsham Fairgrounds in Topsham, Maine. The day started off a wee bit like Scotland but the rain cleared off by 10am and the weather was absolutely great the remainder of the day. There were seven pipe bands competing, one all the way from Cape Cod, MA. The Bruce tent was an absolute magnet this year as people were very interested in our history!!! I actually sold more merchandise this year than I did in the past 11 years doing these games. Once again I had the Campbells to my left and the Andersons to my right, and a lively conversation was carried out throughout the day as we

chatted back and forth. All in all it was a very nice bit of Scotland in Maine for a day.



Chuck Bruce marching at the Maine Scottish Games

Kalamazoo Scottish Festival

Kalamazoo, Michigan

August 25, 2012

Polly Tilford

Family of Bruce International USA was represented at the Kalamazoo, Michigan Scottish Festival August 25th by John and Polly (Bruce) Tilford. The weather was good and the clan/family tent site personnel were very friendly.



Polly and Terri Bruce (new member and Polly's cousin) during the Parade of Tartans



Preparing for 2014

By Deborah Bruce Gottlieb, FSA Scot

The February 2012 issue of the Blue Lion contained Part I and the May 2012 issue contained Part II of this series. This issue continues with Part III. These articles document the events (political and cultural) that led up to outcomes in Scotland during the King Robert I reign.

- I. *The Bruces and Scotland (1120-1295)*
– February 2012 - Completed
- II. *Events Leading up to the Wars of Scottish Independence (1296 – 1306) – Completed*
- III. *Supporters of Scotland and Robert the Bruce (1306) – August 2012*

Part III – Supporters of Scotland and Robert the Bruce (1306)

Part II of this series in the May 2012 issue of the Blue Lion concluded with Robert Bruce enthroned as Robert I, King of Scots. King Edward I of England was on his death bed (d. 1307), and many in the Scottish Realm were very divided and uncertain as to which country to support.

For the past ten years, war had already been waged between Scotland and England as there had been rights and liberties taken away from Scotland by Edward I and many bloody battles had already been fought. Robert the Bruce's grandfather, Bruce the Competitor, mentored his grandson well in leadership and politics and Robert was now ready to return liberty and freedom to Scotland.

In 1306, the moment and time was right for Robert the Bruce to take a stand for a united Scotland against those who wished to stay aligned with England. Robert was 32 at this time and ready for the task. After the death of the Red Comyn at Greyfriars Church during a heated argument between Robert Bruce and John Comyn, it was critical for Robert to move quickly and establish support

and plans with allies. Although Robert was criticized because the Red Comyn was killed in a church, there was much discussion about his excommunication despite the fact that some of his closest allies were Bishops of the Scottish Roman Catholic Church. Bishop Wishart of Glasgow, a strong supporter of William Wallace and Robert Bruce, counseled Robert shortly after the Greyfriars Church incident forgiving him of the sin of the killing of Comyn and administered an oath from Robert that once he was King he would abide by the advice of the clergy of Scotland.

At the enthronement ceremony of King Robert I, Bishops Moray, Wishart, Murray, and Lamberton were in attendance. In addition, four earls, Donald, heir of Mar, Malcolm of Lennox, Alan of Menteith, and John, Earl of Atholl attended. Isabel, Countess of Fife and wife of the Earl of Buchan, who was a relative and staunch supporter of John Comyn, also was in attendance in the traditional role as the representative of the Earl of Fife to place the coronet on King Robert's head.

The followers of Edward I, including many Scots, were in hot pursuit of King Robert and his small army. Loyal followers of Robert included his four brothers Edward, Neil, Alexander, and Thomas, as well as Walter Burraydon, Gilbert Hay, Neil Campbell, Christopher Seton, James Douglas, Sir David Barclay, Sir Simon Fraser, James Stewart, John DeSoules, Robert Boyd, Brice Blair, Sir Robert Keith, and Thomas Randolph just to name a few. These knights made up King Robert's leadership circle in addition to the others mentioned earlier at the enthronement ceremony.

Bruce had placed his Queen, Elizabeth and daughter, Marjorie in the care of his brother Neil, Alexander Lindsay, and Robert Boyd, all faithful knights. They went to Kildrummy castle thinking it would be a safe haven.



The Battle at Methven in June 1306 resulted in an English victory and Bruce's first defeat. There were many close calls during those early battles in 1306 with some defeats and one incident where King Robert was almost captured. In August of 1306, Bruce and his men were defeated a 2nd time at Dail Righ near Tyndrum. Around the same time, Bishop Lamberton and the elderly Bishop Wishart were captured and sent to the dungeons of Wessex in England.

There was a high price to pay for those loyal to King Robert. Many of his followers had made peace with King Edward I just two years before and now some had to forfeit their lands for supporting Bruce. Some of Bruce's followers went against their Lords who supported King Edward to continue to support Bruce.

After Bruce's 2nd defeat at the battle at Dail Righ, Queen Elizabeth and Robert's daughter Marjorie were sent north for better protection. Shortly thereafter, the party who was charged with the protection of the Queen and Marjory were captured. Robert's brother Neil was drawn, hanged, and beheaded at Berwick. Christopher Seton, King Robert's sister's husband, suffered a similar fate at Dumfries. Sir Simon Fraser was sent to London with the same sentence and many others were also executed.

Elizabeth, Queen of Scots, was confined to a manor house. Christian Bruce, King Robert's sister and widow of Christopher Seton, was sent to a nunnery in Lincolnshire. The others were treated even more outrageously. Mary, King Robert's other sister was confined in a cage at Roxburgh castle hanging from a tower, and the Countess Isabel of Buchan was in a hanging cage at Berwick castle. Both were kept in cages for four long years when they were then confined to other quarters. It is understood that King Robert's daughter Marjorie, then 12 years old, was first ordered to be kept in a cage at the Tower of London, but instead

was sent to Yorkshire Gilbertine nunnery at Watton. All were finally released eight years later after the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314.

After the defeats in battle in 1306, the executions of close allies including his brother Neil and then the heart wrenching news that his Queen and his daughter and others were in captivity in England, King Robert narrowly escaped capture by the English.

It is understood that King Robert and his brave supporters withdrew to the island of Rathlin off the Irish coast. Even after all of this defeat, King Robert was able to restore his confidence and that of his followers to lead them onward. The story of King Robert's inspiration from a spider, which continually spins his web after a number of failures, originates from his time spent on Rathlin Island.

Part IV of the Series will continue in the November 2012 issue of the Blue Lion

- IV. The Battles and Events before Bannockburn (1306 - 1313) - *November 2012*
- V. Edward Bruce Makes an Agreement (1313) - *February 2013*
- VI. Preparing for Battle (1313 - June 1314) - *May 2013*
- VII. The Battle (June 1314) - *August 2013*
- VIII. Finally... Acknowledgement & the Declaration of Arbroath (1314 - 1320) - *November 2013*
- IX. The "Peace" in a Courageous Era (1320 - 1329) - *February 2014*
- X. Final Measures to Celebrate the 700th Anniversary of Bannockburn - *May 2014*

The article above was composed using the three books listed below. There is much more history to account for that can be individually researched by those who desire additional information.

- Barrow, G. W. S. - *Robert Bruce and the Community of the Realm of Scotland*, Edinburgh University Press.
- McNamee, Colm - *Robert Bruce Our most Valiant Prince, King and Lord*, published by Birlinn Limited 2006.
- Bruce, Andrew, Lord Elgin, 11th Earl of Elgin and 15th Earl of Kincardine - *The Bruce - Robert King of Scots, a Personal View*, published by Masonic Publishing Co. 2006 - Glasgow



By Thomas Allen Bruce

All of us who man the tents at Scottish Games have heard "I'm a direct descendant of King Robert the Bruce" many times, usually several times from spectators at each game we attend.

If questioned, the person saying this will often reveal that someone in their family told them that they descended from the famous Hero King, and they usually are aware of no further proof than that.

King Robert I lived from 1274 to 1329, and married twice. His daughter from his first marriage, Marjorie, became the mother of the Stewart line of Kings when she married Walter Stewart. From King Robert's second marriage were born two boys and two girls, and one of the boys died young, the other succeeding his father as King David II, who had no children of his own. From that it is obvious that there are today no male line descendants of King Robert I. The succession to the Scottish Crown passed to the grandson of King Robert, through his daughter Marjory.

Robert the Bruce had several illegitimate children, but they today have no identifiable descendants. In order to actually be a descendant of King Robert the Bruce therefore one must descend from one of his daughters.

That's not to say that there are no Bruces who are descendants of Robert I in the female line. For example, several branches of the Bruce family in later years married distant cousins who were descended from the Royal Stewart family.

After the reign of King David II the Chiefship of the Family of Bruce passed to the Bruces of Clackmannan. During his lifetime King David II issued a charter to his "blood cousin," confirming to the cousin the lands and barony of Clackmannan, which was an ancient Royal property, at the same time that the crown was settled on the descendants of Marjory Bruce and Walter Stewart. All of the currently extant Bruce families descend from the family of Clackmannan. Unfortunately, it is impossible to prove exactly who the father of this first Baron of Clackmannan may have been. Therefore, no Bruce can prove any further back in the male line. There are several guesses about the first Baron's pedigree, but anyone who lists one of those possibilities as an ancestor is merely guessing.

It is, however, certain that King David II and his advisors would have known who the next senior Bruce after the King was, and therefore where the Chiefship of the Family would rest after King David died childless. The Chief of any family must bear that families surname. Therefore, the Crown and the Chiefship had to go to two different people.

Of course, the only way to be certain that one is a descendant of any figure from the past is to have a pedigree starting with yourself and going all the way back. It is very difficult to prove the many generations back to a figure who lived in the 14th Century. In many cases, there just are not records of anyone who did not own land.

Over the years I have often received long pedigrees in the mail purporting to prove descent from Robert I. Most of these make the elementary mistake of assuming that Robert II is the son of Robert I because of the subsequent numerals. In actuality, as noted above, Robert II was the grandson of Robert I through his daughter Marjorie.

The popularity of genealogy in recent years has caused many spurious genealogies to be published; besides the old pedigrees going back to the Adam of Genesis fame, I have also seen several lines purporting to demonstrate descent from Ramses II and Lady Godiva, to name two.

DNA testing has added to the furor, instead of calming it as one might have expected. No Bruce can prove a male line descent any further back than the first Baron of Clackmannan, but at first one of the current Bruce families listed their descent back to the Viking origins of the Family on the Bruce DNA website, and of course those whose DNA tested as being close to that of this line thought that they had hit the jackpot. The reality was that they had listed one of the guesses about the first Baron's father as fact.

I am glad to say that the management of the DNA site corrected their listings when the facts were pointed out.

An honest pedigree that goes back to a genuine seventeenth or eighteenth century ancestor is much more interesting and authentic than any account that claims to demonstrate connections back to a more famous alleged ancestor but that must be considered merely fictional.



Intro to *The Anglo-Scottish Borders and the Shaping of Identity: 1300-1600*

By Mark P. Bruce

One of the most important geographic locations the conflicts between England and Scotland in the later Middle Ages, and one of the most interesting to study now, was the contested borderland between the two, what medieval people referred to as "the Marches." This zone, which straddled both sides of the geographic dividing line between southern Scotland and northern England, was one of the most consistently and hotly militarized and violent places in the British Isles. English armies tramped through the north on their way to campaigns in Scotland, often "requisitioning" as many resources from northern towns and religious houses as those same establishments were losing to also-frequent Scottish raids. For this reason, there was much activity in the Marches related to the wars, and literary works that hail from that region, like poetic romances and chronicles, often have a unique perspective on the events and attitudes of that time that we can find nowhere else.

At the same time, the "border" was not only a geographic area, but also a symbolic *concept*, one of the ideas people used to differentiate between where their sense of "us" ended where their sense of "them" began. The geographic borders are interesting to study in relation to the conceptual ones because the geographic ones come to symbolize--and act out--the conceptual. In other words, people often thought about the dividing line between Englishness and Scottishness in terms of the physical dividing line between England and Scotland, often because that was a place where the limits of those identities were most obviously questioned and tested. Is a Scotsman living on the Southern side of the border but professing loyalty to King Edward an Englishman or a Scot? Is an Augustinian monastery that owns land on both sides of the border under the jurisdiction of the English Scots? If someone from north of the border steals a goat from someone from south of it, who adjudicates the crime? And how can leaders in the border areas keep minor skirmishes between borderers from erupting into all-out war in tense political times?

It was our common interest in this region, and in both the literary works produced within it as well

as those that address or "cross" it in other ways, that prompted myself and my colleague, Katherine Terrell at Hamilton College, to bring together a collection of essays about literature and the borders by the people most engaged in the study of late medieval English and Scottish literature and culture. The collection is called *The Anglo-Scottish Borders and the Shaping of Identity: 1300-1600*, coming out this September. In it, the contributors address some fascinating questions about the relationships between English and Scottish identities and the role that the borderlands--both as a real place and as an idea--played in creating and shaping those identities.

Some of the essays deal with works written on or near the border, asking how they might see English and Scottish identities differently than their more "official" counterparts closer to the centers of royal power on either side. The answer many of these essays point to is that the identities that often look so strong to us, many hundreds of years distant, seemed much less clear to those living in a place where they were contested, violently, on a sometimes daily basis. Some of the essays ask broader questions: what happens, for instance, when a type of poetry invented in England crosses the border into Scotland? How do Scottish poets use it differently and put it in the service of their own aims? How did Scottish readers and writers think about English literary works when they read and copied them? How do Scottish and English poets imagine the relationships between English and Scottish identities? Did they always imagine an antagonistic relationship? The answer, interestingly, is no: Some poets imagined a more organic, mutually supportive relationship between the two identities, while others tried to maintain the antagonism, sometimes for their own reasons. Overall, the book helps to show the importance of literary imagination--and of the study of that kind of imagination--in helping us to understand who we have been, and to shape who we are and who we shall be.

If you'd like to have a look at more information about the book, read the blurb, and see the cover, you can do so at:

<http://us.macmillan.com/book.aspx?isbn=9780230110861>

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PLANS

At this time each year, many Bruces come from across the USA to join their Bruce family members to celebrate their Bruce and Scottish heritage for the weekend of October 20-21 at the Stone Mountain Highland Games. On Saturday, October 20, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the Family of Bruce International USA will be held at 1pm in the Clan tent at Stone Mountain Park. All are welcomed to join this meeting and the agenda is packed full of interesting topics!!!

AGM AGENDA

**Stone Mountain State Park – Georgia, at the SMHG
Donald Bruce, Vice President, Presiding**

1. The meeting is called to order. General announcements. *(Don)*
2. The membership welcomed by the President. *(William)*
3. Reports:
 - a. The Secretary's Report. *(Polly)*
 - b. The Treasurer's Report. *(Steve)*
 - c. The Operations Officer's Report. *(Deb)*
 - d. The "Blue Lion" Editor's Report. *(Deb)*
 - e. The "Charitable Operations" Report. *(Don)*
4. Ratification of an amendment to the by-laws. *(Don)*
5. Greetings from Lord Elgin & his lieutenant. *(Allen)*
6. Greetings from the High Commissioner. *(Richard)*
7. Presentation from Hannah Thompson
8. Election: *(Richard presides)*
 - President – two year term
 - Vice-President – two year term
 - At Large – one year term
9. Further business *(if any)*
10. President's address to the membership. *(William)*
11. Meeting adjourned until October, 2013.

Note to attendees: We are able to reserve the meeting tent for one hour only. In that time we have much to attend to. Please be patient as we must move through the agenda as quickly as possible. Thank you.

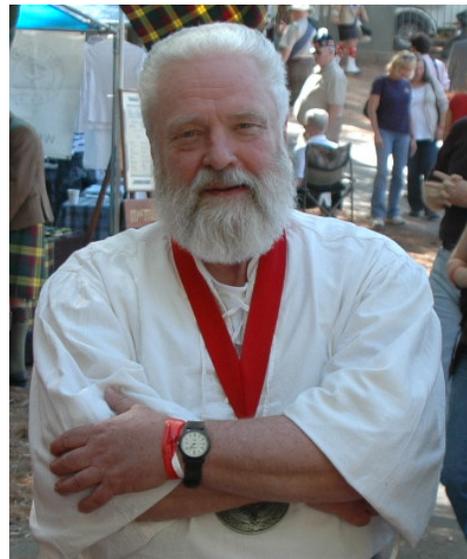
Proposed Amendment to ARTICLE VI ELECTIONS Section 1. Of the By-laws:

Nominations for each office shall be tendered in writing to the Secretary no later than ~~September 4~~ August 15 immediately prior to the General Meeting. No nominations may be accepted after that date for an office elected that year, unless the Board determines that there are no nominees eligible to serve in a particular office. The Board, in its discretion, may then extend the period for nominations. The Secretary shall confirm that each nominee is a member in good standing and eligible to hold said office.

*The purpose of this change is to align the deadline more closely with the publication schedule of **THE BLUE LION**, in which the names of nominees must be published prior to the AGM.*

Officer Nominations:

President Nomination – William P. Bruce



William is a retired educator, although one never really retires from communicating knowledge to succeeding generations. He is married to Phyllis, a retired professor of



nursing, and parish nurse. They have two sons, one a college professor and the other a college administrator, and a 9 year old grand-daughter. They are also raising two rescue Shelties. They live in Minneapolis and enjoy the theater of seasons which Minnesota provides. William enjoys writing, especially in the areas of history and family, and is an avid photographer. William and Phyllis enjoy traveling together, especially to the mountains in northwestern Montana. Amtrak is their preferred mode of travel. They have made three trips to Scotland and are currently planning for another visit in 2014. Travel to Scottish events while promoting the Family of Bruce International, USA is a priority.

Vice President Nomination – Don Bruce



Don is a life member of Family of Bruce International USA and has been a member of FOBII and Bruce International since 2001. He has been head of the Charitable Operations Committee of FOBII since 2005 and Vice President since 2008. He is also Vice President of the Minnesota St. Andrew's Society. He is married to Kathy and they have two adult sons, Charles and Andrew, and one grandson, Hayden. Don is an attorney and works for the Dakota County Attorneys Office in the areas of child protection and civil commitments. When he is not involved in

Scottish activities, Don likes to be skiing, biking, or traveling with Kathy. Don and Kathy were in Scotland for the 2006 celebration and are looking forward to going again in 2014.

At Large Board Member – Thomas Allen Bruce



Allen Bruce served as the National President of Bruce International from 1994-2000; High Commissioner to the Chief of the Name of Bruce from 1995-2003; and has served as Lieutenant to the Chief from 2003 to the present. Allen is a lifelong student of Heraldry, is a Scottish armiger, and has written numerous articles on heraldry for the Blue Lion. Allen retired as a Lt. Commander from the US Naval Reserve after 26 years of service. Other interests are in American Indian art and culture. Allen is married to Jennifer and they have two daughters, MacKenzie who is 14 and Charlotte Elizabeth who is 19 months.

**Family of Bruce International USA
Annual Member dinner to be held at
6pm on Saturday night, 8/20, at Aldo's
Italian Restaurant. Please contact
Deb Bruce Gottlieb (see page 15 for
contact info) to place a reservation!!!**



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:

Alabama – Stephen M. Bruce
California – Scott Ferguson Green
Indiana – Rev. Steven Lewis Newman
Michigan – Terri Bruce
North Carolina – Barbara June Delbridge

LIFE MEMBERS:

Texas – Vizi Bruce Lange-Caldwell

FOBI Board appreciates all who have paid their 2012 annual dues!! Thank you!

2013 Annual Dues - \$25 payable to FOBI by January 1, 2013. Please mail to:
Polly Bruce Tilford,
5561 Earl Young Rd.,
Bloomington, IN 47408

President, VP, and At-Large Board Member Election at 2012 AGM!!

The election for the President, Vice-President, and the At Large member of the Board of Directors of the Family of Bruce International will be held on Saturday, October 20, at the Annual General Meeting to be held at Stone Mountain Highland Games at 1pm. See pages 10 and 11 for biography details on those nominated.

Per the FOBI By-laws the Officer elections for the President and Vice-President are held every two years on even numbered calendar year. President and Vice President shall be any Regular Member, male or female, born with the surname of Bruce or one of its recognized septs. A Regular membership shall be open to all persons of Scottish descent who bear the surname of Bruce or its recognized septs or whose mother or grandmother bore such surname. The recognized septs of Bruce are Carlisle, Carruthers, Crosbie, Randolph, and

Stenhouse, regardless of spelling. The At-Large Board member can be a regular or associate member.

The by-laws define that all nominations are to be submitted to the Secretary by September 1. The Board of Directors will most likely make some nominations, however, all members are encouraged to participate in this process.

“The President shall serve as the executive officer of the organization, preside at all meetings of the general membership and of the Board of Directors, be an *ex officio* member of all committees, exercise general supervision over the affairs of the organization, and perform such other duties as are ordinarily incumbent upon a President. He or she, or his or her duly appointed representative, shall represent the organization in all relations with other organizations. He or she shall represent the organization in all relations with the hereditary Chief of the Name of Bruce, the Right Honourable The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine. The President shall have authority to appoint such other persons to assist him or her in whatever subordinate role as he or she sees fit and these appointees shall serve at the discretion of the President; however, these persons shall not be deemed to be officers of the organization.”

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At-Large member election of the Board of Directors shall be conducted annually.

The Deadline for input to the NEXT ISSUE IS October 25, 2012!!

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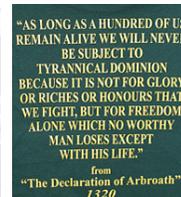
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Mission Statement: *"To promote, honor, and preserve our Scottish and Bruce heritage by sponsoring activities, events, scholarships, and continual communication through the E-Magazine and website. We will therefore, provide educational information, 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.

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Cambuskenneth Abbey

Cambuskenneth was founded by David I in 1147, appropriated for the monks of the Order of St. Augustine from Arrouaise Abbey near Arras, France, and dedicated to the Virgin Mary. The name *Cambuskenneth* signifies the field or creek of Kenneth, after Kenneth II, who fought a battle in the 9th century with the Picts on the isthmus on which the abbey is built thus helping to ensure his control over most of Scotland. It is located on the River Forth near Stirling.

The Abbey was the scene of many important political events. Between 1303 and 1304 Edward I was at Cambuskenneth. In 1308 Sir Neil Campbell, Sir Gilbert Hay and other barons met here, and on the high altar swore fealty to Robert Bruce. In 1314, Bruce held one of several Parliaments after his victory at Bannockburn, and in 1326 Robert Bruce, the whole clergy, earls and barons, swore fealty to Bruce's son David and this convention at Cambuskenneth is the first Parliament of Scotland in which burgesses are mentioned as having a seat. So frequently did the Scottish Parliament meet here that one of the buildings was called "Parliament Hall".

In June 1488 King James was assassinated at Whins of Milton when fleeing from the battlefield of Sauchieburn, and he was buried beside his queen by the high altar. Part of the royal tomb was uncovered during excavations conducted in 1864, and the bodies were found in an oaken coffin beneath a large block of limestone. The royal remains were subsequently re-interred beneath a memorial at the site of the high altar in 1865, at the command and expense of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

All that remains now at the site is the free-standing bell tower and church yard. For more very interesting historical information, access the link <http://www.cambuskenneth.info/abbeychurchhistory.htm>

