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LORD BRUCE REVIEWS THE PARADE OF CLANS  
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## Bruces Conquer Virginia

By Charles, Lord Bruce

Until last year, I was entirely unaware of the highland games circuit in North America which your tireless representatives navigate annually. Having been prompted by Allen Bruce, however, I was delighted to accept an invitation from the St. Andrews Society of Williamsburg – to act as chieftain of their annual Scottish Festival at the end of September. Arriving at Norfolk after an 18 hour journey from Glasgow, my eldest son James and I were immediately struck by the warmth of our welcome – it was a theme that continued all weekend.

Not knowing quite what to expect, James and I were given nothing short of a royal reception by our hosts, whom I suspected, may not have anticipated such a well organised and professional clan association - and masters of improvisation. Arriving at the sponsor's reception we found a state of panic, occasioned by the absence of a piper. Without hesitation Polly Tilford stepped into the breach in immaculate white tunic and spats; her triumphant *Scots Wha Hae* reverberating around the corridors of the Williamsburg Best Western.

Arriving at the gathering site in tweed jackets and eagle feathers, the next day, James and I felt slightly anachronistic. I was aware of certain rituals that a guest has to absorb with good humour, but if I had been warned that in Virginia, the chieftain is obliged to down half-a-dozen shots of selected single malts before performing the opening ceremony, I would have never believed it.

But there was no escaping the hazing – it had claimed the Marquess of Huntly, Chief of the Gordons, the year before. Corralled in the clan tent by a demonstration team bearing silver trays, led by the inimitable Mike Lawler, Laird of the Cuideach a Corn a Uisge Beatha, I managed to preserve both my dignity and the family's honour by passing each optic to Allen, like a quaiach, and thence to any Bruce within reach.

Flushed by the mid-morning dram, there was no doubt that the Bruces dominated the Williamsburg Festival with every intention of fulfilling their invitation as honoured clan. I felt a tremendous pang of pride as we marched onto the parade field following Richard Bruce carrying my personal banner, and William Bruce bearing the replica of King Robert's sword. Leading a field of over 50 clans and family associations, the Bruce contingent was clearly the largest party in the parade of tartans and had no difficulty in sounding the loudest war cry. It sounded to me like *Fuimus et Sumus*. ***We Have Been – and We Shall Be.***

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### DEAR FAMILY—

**WOW!** What a year we have just had; what a year we have in store! From the creation of a united clan society to the yearlong celebration of the 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Enthronement of King Robert I, it has been a year to remember. This past year, we attended more games than ever before and we expect that participation to grow in the future. It is appropriate to take a moment at the beginning of the year to look back on where we have been and, then, take a look at we are going.

Okay, I am a lawyer, So, I tend to look at the legal end of things first. But, when you get down to it, without a strong foundation, a house will fall. We are creating that foundation by incorporating as a non-profit corporation and we are in the final phases of obtaining a classification as a 501(c)(3) status. This would mean that any contributions to our organization would be tax-deductible. That is essential if we wish to grow and really leave a lasting mark. It will allow us to create scholarships and make financial contributions to other worthwhile endeavors. It will allow us, to borrow a phrase from Madison Avenue, to be all we can be.

Next, I want to acknowledge the fine work of so many people without whom, we would be still be floundering like a ship without a rudder. Of course, we all owe a debt of gratitude for some of our founding members such as Rex and Norma, Thomas, Paul and others. I want to thank Thomas Allen Bruce, who in a number of ways has been a mentor. I want to thank all of the other officers and directors of the organization who have worked so hard to get us moving in the right direction and keep me in line, especially Polly, David, and Steve. I want to thank Rodney for the many years of service putting out **THE BLUE LION** in the past. I had done it as well, so I know just what a Herculean effort it can become. I want to thank Thomas our Webmaster and now Genealogy Committee Chair for his ever-present assistance. I want to thank Donald Bruce in Minnesota for agreeing to chair our Charitable Operations Committee and Deb Gottlieb for taking on the task of spearheading our Communications Committee.

Actually, I want to take some time to talk about communications within the organization. In the past, this has been a problem spot, but Deb has come up with great ideas and unquenchable enthusiasm to really get us moving. The key, however, will involve your participation as well. (You KNEW that was coming, didn't you?)

One way for us to keep in contact with the membership is through the Internet. With that in mind, we are going to begin primarily publishing **THE**

**BLUE LION** electronically. This way we will be able to transmit color pictures and more content more efficiently. We will still produce paper copies of **THE BLUE LION** but they will be more limited and *may* be done in black and white only. The costs for publishing and mailing **THE BLUE LION** is more than half of our annual budget and we are committed to publishing **THE BLUE LION** three times a year - on a consistent timetable. We will publish **THE BLUE LION** in mid-January, mid-May, and mid-September. Accordingly, there will be strict deadlines for submitting materials to the Communications Committee so that we can meet these deadlines.

In order for us to meet these goals, we are going to need your email addresses. Be assured that we will not sell our membership list to anyone nor will we send documents to our membership in a manner that will compromise your security. Nor will we forward advertisements or other spam. However, with your email addresses, we will be able to send out monthly notifications of games that we will be attending so that you can plan ahead. So, please email Deb Gottlieb with your email address at ([FOBI@brucefamily.com](mailto:FOBI@brucefamily.com)) and she will be able to create the database necessary for us to more efficiently serve you.

Next, as I mentioned earlier, last year we attended more games than ever before and we want to increase our presence in the years to come. However, last year we also spent more money than we brought in. So, the amount of money that FOBI may be able to front any given game may become limited. (Here's another reason to have the tax-deductible status.) The Board of Directors has not yet initiated a cap, but it is a possibility unless we can develop more revenue. One suggestion would be to ask our life members to make small contributions on a consistent basis that would be tax deductible to them and allow us to increase our participation. The Board is open to other suggestions, so get in contact with one of us if you have any constructive ideas.

Finally, I would like to thank Steve for coming up with a logo that will enable us to continue to celebrate King Robert's reign through 2029. At the same time, I would also like to remind you all that the Family is much more than Robert. We have many members that deserve to be mentioned and honored within our displays at the games and within the pages of **THE BLUE LION**. Help us over the years to come to honor them all. We are a great family. We have been, we are, we shall be - **Bruce!**

Yours aye,

*John*



In 2006, Bruces were represented at a number of Scottish games and festivals across the land. Here are pictures and information from some of the games. Thank you to all who visited and supported the tents. See our website [www.brucefamily.com](http://www.brucefamily.com) for more information on 2006 games and pictures!

**CALIFORNIA** – Bruce supporters carried the Name of Bruce to three Scottish games in central California and were well received. In July, Family of Bruce International was the honored clan at Oakland, CA games, leading the opening ceremony parade. It was a joy to see Family members Robert Bruce, Lisa Lee, and Luanne Witteveen-Stanley who helped greet tent visitors. The program cover for the two-day Oakland "Dunsmuir Estate" games prominently displayed the Bruce statue at Stirling Castle, honoring the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his enthronement, also noted by a quarter-page ad. For the Campbell, CA games in June, we staffed a tent that drew attention and visitor interest regarding the anniversary event, also announced in a quarter-page program box ad. In early September, we proudly wore the Bruce tartan for the 141<sup>st</sup> annual Gathering and Games at Pleasanton, CA. hosted by the Caledonian Club of San Francisco. These Games include over 35 pipe bands, 60 clans, and many dancers, athletes, vendors, and thousands of visitors over a three-day period.

Roger Kelly – California Commissioner



CAMPBELL CALIFORNIA – June

**SOUTHEAST** – It's been a great year!!! Family of Bruce supporters proudly attended games including Culloden GA, Grandfather Mountain NC, Charleston SC, Beckley WVA, Williamsburg VA, and Stone Mountain GA. At Beckley and Williamsburg, the Bruce Family was the honored clan. A special

note of thanks to my mother and father, Melvena and Thomas Bruce Jr., and to Bonnie and Steve Bruce for their support and attendance at many of the games with me. Thank you to all others who hosted and the many members who supported these games. A special note of appreciation to Lord Bruce and James-The Master of Bruce for their distinctive presence at Williamsburg. Sincere gratitude to Thomas Allen Bruce who has provided infinite support and counsel.

Deb Bruce Gottlieb – Southeast Commissioner



CULLODEN HIGHLAND GAMES, GA – April



GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN, NC – July



CHARLESTON, SC – September



SOUTHEAST continued



Lord Bruce at Balmoral Reception in Williamsburg. William Bruce carrying Lord Bruce's Armorial Banner and Polly Tilford Piping.



2006 Annual Group Picture at Stone Mountain



Lord Bruce, James-The Master of Bruce, Richard Bruce with Lord Bruce's Armorial Banner, and William Bruce carrying the Bruce Sword.

OKLAHOMA - Tulsa Games continue to grow. Our tent is always a favorite. It seems as though with the future so uncertain and the present so unstable many flock to the past taking refuge in family roots that run so deep. The past is secure and finding who you are is often a joy... Especially for Bruces. Our history is filled with all the things required for a tasty novel and the truth is carried into the future... We have been..... We ARE. We shall be.... A Bruce! A Bruce!

MarLo C. Alexander - Oklahoma Commissioner

NEW YORK - Central New York Scottish Games, Long Branch Park, Liverpool, NY



Lord Bruce at the Williamsburg Games morning "Whiskey Parade".



Ann Eldred and David V. Bruce at the Central New York Scottish Games

# 2007 SCOTTISH GAMES SCHEDULE



Below is the current list of known games the Family of Bruce International is committed to attend in 2007. If you are interested in assisting in hosting games, please contact the Communications Committee at [FOBI@brucefamily.com](mailto:FOBI@brucefamily.com) or send a note to a Commissioner near your location.

**CALIFORNIA** – Roger Kelly (to be confirmed)  
June – Highland Games & Celtic Gathering, Campbell – Host [www.campbellgames.com](http://www.campbellgames.com)  
July 7-8 – Oakland Dunsmuir Highland Games, Oakland  
September – Dixon Highland Games, Dixon [www.dixonscots.org](http://www.dixonscots.org)

**COLORADO** – Richard Bruce  
August 11-12 – Colorado Scottish Festival and Rocky Mountain Highland Games – Highlands Ranch [www.scottishgames.org](http://www.scottishgames.org)  
September 6-9 – Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival – Estes Park [www.scotfest.com](http://www.scotfest.com)

**GEORGIA** – Deb Bruce Gottlieb  
June 9-10 – Blairsville Scottish Festival & Highland Games – Blairsville [www.blairsvillescottishfestival.org](http://www.blairsvillescottishfestival.org)  
October – Stone Mountain Highland Games [www.smhg.org](http://www.smhg.org)

**ILLINOIS** – William Bruce  
June – Saint Andrew Society Games [www.chicago-scots.org](http://www.chicago-scots.org)

**INDIANA** – Polly Tilford  
June – Indiana Highland Games, Fort Wayne [www.scottishsocietyftw.org/index.html](http://www.scottishsocietyftw.org/index.html)  
September 8-9 – Columbus Highland Games, Columbus [www.scottishfestival.org](http://www.scottishfestival.org)

**IOWA** – William Bruce  
August – Celtic Highland Games of the Quad Cities [www.celtichighlandgames.org](http://www.celtichighlandgames.org)

**KENTUCKY** – Polly Tilford May 31 – June 3 Glasgow Highland Games, Glasgow [www.glasgowhighlandgames.com](http://www.glasgowhighlandgames.com)

**MAINE** – Charles F. Bruce III – (to be confirmed)  
August 18 – Maine Highland Games, Brunswick [www.mainehighlandgames.org](http://www.mainehighlandgames.org)

**MINNESOTA** – William Bruce  
May 19 – Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games, Eagan [www.mnscottishfair.org](http://www.mnscottishfair.org)

**NORTH CAROLINA** – Deb Bruce Gottlieb  
July 12-15 – Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville [www.gmhg.org](http://www.gmhg.org)

**OKLAHOMA** – MarLo Alexander  
September – Oklahoma Scottish Games & Gathering, Tulsa [www.tulsascottishgames.org](http://www.tulsascottishgames.org)

**SOUTH CAROLINA** – Deb Bruce Gottlieb  
March 24 – Scottish Country Fair, Sumter, Boone Mckoy  
September – Charleston Scottish Games & Highland Gathering, Charleston, Boone Mckoy [www.charlestonscots.org](http://www.charlestonscots.org)

**TEXAS** – John Carlisle  
May 11-13 – Houston Highland Games & Scottish Festival, Houston [www.houstonhighlandgames.com](http://www.houstonhighlandgames.com)  
June 1-3 – Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games, Arlington [www.texasscottishfestival.com](http://www.texasscottishfestival.com)  
November – Salado Scottish Gathering & Highland Games, Salado [www.ctam-salado.org](http://www.ctam-salado.org)

**VIRGINIA** – Deb Bruce Gottlieb  
June – Potomac Celtic Festival, Leesburg, Diane Williams [www.pcfest.org](http://www.pcfest.org)  
September – Virginia Scottish Games Alexandria, Diane Williams [www.vascottishgames.org](http://www.vascottishgames.org)

**WASHINGTON** – William Bruce - Tentative  
July 28-29 – 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games & Clan Gathering, Enumclaw [www.sshga.org/](http://www.sshga.org/)

**TARTAN DAY** – April 6  
The first Tartan Day in the United States was observed at the national level in 1997. That is when the U.S. Senate passed Senate Resolution 155 recognizing April 6<sup>th</sup> as National Tartan Day. This date commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320. For those with internet access, please check website [www.tartanday.org](http://www.tartanday.org) for a celebration location near you.



**PART SEVENTEEN:**  
**CRATHES & DRUM – TRAVELING WITH**  
**THE CHIEF:**

By: William Bruce, Operations Officer for Family of Bruce International. Excerpt from a collection of essays entitled *“WILL YE NO COME BACK AGAIN?”* (copyright W. Bruce – 2006 – used by permission of the author).

In the early spring of 2006, forty Bruces from the United States along with others from Canada and Australia were invited by our chief, Lord Elgin (Thirty-seventh hereditary chief of the Name and Family of Bruce) to join him and Scottish members of the family in celebration of the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the coronation of King Robert I, “The Bruce”. After several days of programs, services, entertainments, meals, drama and ceremony, Lord Elgin invited us to join him on a tour of two properties managed by the “National Trust For Scotland”, Crathes Castle and Drum Castle. His intention, as he described it, was to show us as nearly as possible, what life would have been like in Scotland at the time of King Robert. Early in the morning, we gathered at Broomhall, the Chiefs residence, and there boarded a bus that would take us to Crathes and Drum in Aberdeenshire. The trip was a pure joy, for Lord Elgin rode the bus with us and, using the PA system, provided a narrative laced with his own brand of humor and perfected during his eighty-three years of Scottish living. Historic concepts became family lore, after he interpreted them in the light of the experiences and exploits of Bruces of the past.

Immediately upon our arrival at Crathes Castle, several high ranking executives of the “National Trust” descended on the bus to be certain that Lord Elgin and his guests were treated with the utmost courtesy and deference, something to which a ranking earl of the realm is certainly entitled.

Crathes Castle is not one of the dramatically sited castles that seems poised for defense on an impossible promontory. Rather, Crathes is situated in a park like setting with well-manicured grounds and gardens. The building itself, although strongly built with the safety of its occupants in mind, seems to have been built for comfort and quiet living. Not only is the external structure totally intact, so too is the interior, and in addition it is fully furnished and appointed as if those who lived there were merely away on holiday. The Burnett family has owned Crathes

for many generations, the property having been granted to them by King Robert I. Still prominently displayed is the “Horn of Leys”, a hunting horn given to them by Robert. So many of the castles I have visited consist of bare stone walls, and most spaces reveal little or nothing concerning the nature of how they were used. They seem cold and barren. Crathes is warm and inviting. Tapestries, portraits, works of art and even photographs decorate the walls. Beds are covered with what served as blankets and pillows, and personal effects are set out as if to be used today by the residents. The Chief was right when he said that this site would communicate what it was like to have lived here seven hundred years ago (despite the presence of some more recent artifacts).

Crathes gardens are really quite stunning. The topiary (sculpted hedge/trees) alone is worth a visit, as it is on a scale I had never before imagined could be the case. The gardens are extensive, and although we were visiting very early in the spring, were green and verdant. I can only imagine what they must be like when flowers and other plantings are in full bloom. This is a place to which I will return for a summer visit.

The “National Trust” has invested significantly in this property to insure the comfort and convenience of visitors. Crathes is rather distant from major centers of population and public transportation. This creates the need for carefully sited support facilities, which do not detract from the castle and its adjacent gardens. Even the car park is arranged to support that principle. We visited in late March of 2006.

The artfully designed and newly built visitor center was not yet officially open, but it did for the Chief and his family, providing us with a delicious lunch and opportunity to make use of its many amenities. We certainly could have profitably spent the rest of the day at Crathes, but it was back on the bus for our second major visit of the day.

Not far from Crathes is a property known as “The Drum”. Attentive National Trust personnel again heralded our arrival and immediately organized us into units small enough to be able to move through the interior with ease. Watching how Lord Elgin was coping with all of this and wondering how his eighty-three years might be weighing on him concerned me. I could see that his Lieutenant, Allen Bruce (an American), was staying very close and being very attentive, so I knew I need not be



concerned. Lord Elgin is a man who does exactly what he decides he is going to do, and he had decided that he was going to enjoy these visits along with the rest of us. Case closed.

The Drum is a fortified house, large and comfortable, showing evidence of evolving over centuries from just a tower stronghold to the "manor" it is today. The earliest construction on the property is the tower, which is not in use today except as a demonstration for visitors of how it was built and used. Archeological work is still being done on the interior of the tower, which will further enhance how it is interpreted. Wooden stairs have been erected within to allow the visitor up onto the battlements which afford a spectacular view of the surrounding countryside. The later built portions of the house are fully furnished and decorated. I was particularly impressed by the very colorful ceiling paintings of medieval characters decorating some of the private family rooms.

The highlight of the visit, over and above the place itself, occurred in the courtyard where one could easily imagine colorfully caparisoned horses arriving through the arched gateway to deposit their knightly riders and their ladies for a festive occasion. Virtually our entire group was gathered there to await word that the bus was ready for us again. At that point, two teen sisters, Bruces from Texas, used the opportunity to demonstrate their considerable vocal talents by serenading Lord Elgin with a close harmony song they had learned particularly for him. His beaming face told us all just how much he was enjoying that musical tribute, and it seemed a perfect way for our visit to come to a close.

## The Music – 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Enthronement of Robert Bruce

By Deborah Bruce Gottlieb

March 26, 2006 was a very grand day for many reasons. On that day, all who had the pleasure of attending the festivities were also honored with the most wonderful music. As Lord Elgin mentions in his **BLUE LION** – Summer 2006 message, "there was nine hundred years of music" as part of the Menzie (old Scots term which means a gathering of people for a purpose).

You knew it would be a special day when hearing the ancient church bells of St. John's Kirk calling all to the service. There is no more reverent sound than the music of church bells.

Once inside the Kirk, the congregation was entertained by a wonderful Scottish Fiddle Orchestra conducted by John Mason MBE and Andrew McGarva. The orchestra played various Airs and Hymns before and throughout the service as well as at the festivities later in the day at Scone Palace. Airs are Scottish tunes and ballads that are sung or played by orchestras, fiddle, bagpipes, or flutes. Many of these tunes were written in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries.

To announce the beginning of the service, the world class Fanfare Trumpeters of the 51<sup>st</sup> Highland Brigade dressed in full Black Watch regalia and under the direction of Captain Graeme Abernethy QVRM, Director of Music, provided a glorious rendition of "*Scots Wha' Hae*". Throughout the service they provided trumpet fanfares during a number of hymns. The effect was quite majestic. "*Scots Wha' Hae*" was written by Robert Burns in 1793 and served as the unofficial Scottish national anthem for many years. The tune is, of course, far more ancient and is known as "*Hey Tutti Tatt*". It is a marching song, and according to literary sources it was played by bagpipes at Bannockburn while Robert The Bruce's army marched into battle.

The City of Edinburgh Music School played various musical melodies on the Clarsach before and throughout the service. A Clarsach is an ancient harp and was the Scottish national instrument in medieval times. At that time, a harpist enjoyed special rights and played a crucial part in ceremonial occasions such as coronations.

The Processional Hymn, sung by the St John's Kirk Choir and the Perth Choral Society, was The **Old Hundredth Psalm** – "*All People That On Earth Do Dwell*". The tune was initially written in the 16<sup>th</sup> century; however, the arrangement used on this day was arranged by composer Ralph Vaughn Williams and was sung at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. During the processional hymn, the organ, trumpets, and choir sang as Lord Lyon – King of Arms, the Carrick Pursuivant, Lord Bruce, The Earl of Elgin & Kincardine KT, James – The Master of Bruce, and Provost Robert Scott proceeded into the Kirk. A note of interest is that the Carrick Pursuivant is Mrs. Elizabeth Bruce Roads, who is also the Lyon Clerk. The Carrick Pursuivant position is named after the earldom held by King Robert before he took the Scottish throne. As the music played, Lord Bruce carried the sword of King Robert I and placed it by a most impressive golden bust of the great King of Scots.



**Psalm 47 – “O Clap Your Hands All Ye People”,** a Plainsong Chant from the 8<sup>th</sup> Century, was sung, and also would have been used on 26 March 1306. Plainsong Chants of the early church were intended for unison chorus and the melodies were passed down orally from generation to generation.

The rendition of the hymn **“All Glory Laud and Honour”** was quite glorious. The lyrics were written by St. Theodulph of Orleans in the 10<sup>th</sup> century and the music was written by Melchior Teschner in the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

The day and the music then proceeded to Scone Palace for the Enthronement Ceremony of Acclaim. The Band, Clann An Drumma, piped and drummed during the Acclaim Ceremony and as the Royal Standard was raised on Moot Hill. Clann An Drumma is an exciting, energetic, rhythmic band from Glasgow, Scotland. Also, during the ceremony, the 51<sup>st</sup> Highland Brigade played **The Robert the Bruce Fanfare** that was written especially for the day.

One of the most special memories of the day was when Lord Elgin sang and shared a very special family melody with all. The song **“How Are Ye A’ At Hame”**, was written by his grandparents when they were away from Scotland and it reflects how much they missed their beloved land.

### How are ye a’ at Hame

*How are ye a’ at hame in my ain Countrie,  
Are your kind hearts a’ the same in my ain Countrie!  
Are ye a’ as fu o’ glee, sae witty frank and free,  
Sae kinds ye used to be, in my ain Countrie.*

*Heaven watch thou ever oer my ain Countrie,  
Let tyrants never more rule my ain Countrie,  
May her heroes dear to thee, the bauld hearts & the  
free,  
Aye ready be to dee for my ain Countrie.*

*May a Blessing light on a’ in my ain Countrie,  
Baith the great folk and the sma’ in my ain Countrie,  
On whatever soil I kneel, Heaven knows I ever feel,  
For the honour and the weel of my ain Countrie.*

Lord Elgin’s reflection on the day is that *“The event could not have been so effective without the people attending. Apart from seventy four Bruce cousins, related by blood, the other hundreds were either of the wider Bruce Family or these with whom Lord and Lady Elgin had worked with in their lifetime, or with great significance. They also included direct descendents of these Great Families who had*

*first given support to King Robert at his Enthronement. This was a unique historical event; for the wonderful co-operation given, I shall forever be profoundly grateful.”*

A very heartfelt thank you to Lord and Lady Elgin and family for envisioning and designing such a special program with such wonderful music.



The Altar and Choir Area at St. John's Kirk, Perth



Raising the Royal Standard at the Ceremony of Acclaim



**Celebrations**

**60 Years of Marriage!!**

Congratulations to Rex and Norma Bruce who celebrated 60 years of marriage on the 26th of October 2006. Their daughter, Polly, gave them a 1946 DVD so they could relive the past. Rex was co-founder of Bruce International in 1984. Rex and Norma were the first editors of the Bruce newsletter and have been continually involved in Bruce and many other Scottish events and activities.



Rex and Norma Bruce

**Wee Bruce Bairns!!**

Thomas B. and Rachel Bruce are the proud parents of their 3<sup>rd</sup> child and newest member: Andrew Joseph Bruce, Born October 27, 2006. Thomas is the Family of Bruce International webmaster and the committee chairperson of Bruce Genealogy.



Andrew Joseph Bruce

Chris and Michaela Bruce, of Australia, announce the birth of their new son, Rex Robert Bennett Bruce. Rex was born on June 26, 2006 and weighed 10.5lbs and was 21" long! Chris is the Family of Bruce International Representative in Australia.



Rex Robert Bennett Bruce

**Flowers of the Forest**

The olde Scottish ballad, *The Flowres of the Forrest*, memorializes the loss of the lives of James IV and over 10,000 others at the Battle of Flodden Field in northern England in 1513. In recent times, the *Flowers of the Forest* has come to be used to commemorate lost relatives.

With sorrow, we honor the following members of the Family of Bruce International who have recently passed on.

**Mrs. (Ann) Anthony L. Zucco** of New York

**Mr. Richard B. Saunders** of North Carolina

**Mr. Royal K. Bruce** of Minnesota –

Royal Bruce is the father of member Don Bruce and also a dear friend of William Bruce. Here are some thoughts from William after the funeral. *"Hello All: I thought you might appreciate hearing something of the funeral for Roy Bruce which we attended earlier today. It was held at St. Matthew Catholic Church in West Saint Paul, a very*



old congregation in a very modern building. Roy and Dorothy have been long time members there, and were married in an older sanctuary building (lost to a fire) some 63 years ago. The Bruce Tartan flag was prominently displayed just outside of the chancel. The funeral mass was beautifully conducted by Father Adrian, who has been Roy & Dorothy's pastor for the last 28 years. Don gave the eulogy for the family, and you all would have been very proud of him as he did a masterful job of paying tribute to his father. I had to swallow hard to keep my own emotion under control, remembering how I had to do the same at my father's funeral some years ago. Don paid tribute to his dad's faith and love for God and his family. It could not have been better said. Representatives from the larger Scottish Community in Minnesota were there - from clans Stuart, Cameron, Kincaid, MacMillan, etc. A lone piper concluded the service, standing by the Bruce Tartan Flag. After the service, a luncheon was provided at Joseph's Grill nearby the church, Roy & Dorothy's favorite. My guess is that about 250 persons attended the services. I am personally going to miss Roy a great deal. He was always so very supportive and encouraging to me. God bless his memory. Thanks be to God for the kinship we experience in the larger Family Of Bruce. We have been, we are, we shall be - BRUCE. Regards to all, William & Phyllis"

**Mrs. Virginia Bruce Caldwell Wuenschel of Ohio**

Mrs Wuenschel was to turn 97 on January 27, 2007. She passed away on December 31 at the age of 96. She was a very remarkable lady and had traveled all over the world, which gave her great pleasure. She leaves two children, five grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.



Virginia Bruce Caldwell Wuenschel with her grandchildren

**Hugh Bruce - 1890-1915**

By Thomas Bruce, Jr.

I am honored to tell you of my uncle, Hugh Bruce. I didn't know him personally because he died in a WWI battle ten years before I was born, but I want to share with you some of his memory. He was the son of William and Annie Bruce of Edinburgh, and he was my father's oldest brother. He was a soldier in the Cameron Highlanders, and he served in the 1st Battalion. As with many of the armed forces of Great Britain at this time in history, he was stationed in France. It was WWI, at the Battle of the Loos, that he and many of his company were lost. He is buried in the Lillers Cemetary in northeast France. The Battle of the Loos was a long hard fought battle that lasted from September 25 through October 19 of 1915. It was on September 28 that Uncle Hugh was mortally wounded. The Cameron Highlanders 1st Battalion was on the front lines from the very beginning of the battle. The three medals he earned in WWI were given to me by my father.



Hugh Bruce



WWI medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, and The Victory Medal



**Kaleidoscope**  
By Dottie Perry

The season says it's time to live as grass once more  
grows high,  
While baby leaves in pastel green all wave to  
passersby.  
Explosions of azaleas in their frilly fuchsia frocks  
Proclaim it's time to laugh as warmth their playfulness  
unlocks.

Too long we've shivered in the cold, too long been sick  
with flu,  
And now the sandy ocean beach the palest skin will  
woo.

The impish waves will slap at us and say it's time for fun.  
The breeze in mischief blows at us and makes us want  
to run.

The brave young tabebuia tree is proud as proud can  
be,  
As golden flowers it holds aloft for all the world to see.  
It looks into a peaceful lake where mallard ducks and  
swans  
All swim around in family groups above where fish will  
spawn.

The mocking birds that build their nests quite happily will  
prove  
That they can mimic any bird as through the air they  
move.

In velvet robes of deepest red the glorious roses sing,  
And welcome in the season when flowers like to spring



Dottie Perry at the Winter Springs, Florida Games

**Tribute to a Spouse –  
You're Married to a Scot**

Robert I. Edgar, F.S.A. (Scot)  
*Dedicated to his wife, Connie*

A normal North American stood by you, hand in hand  
The preacher led you in your vows, your wedding day  
was grand;  
You kissed, they cheered, you cut the cake, you finally  
tied the knot,  
But now be warned about your spouse –  
*you're married to a Scot.*

Though bred and born, reared and schooled in the  
western hemisphere,  
Their minds begin to wander and their thoughts begin  
to veer.  
A book, a scarf, a bagpipe tape that didn't cost a lot,  
But that's just the beginning –  
*you're married to a Scot.*

The hope of some vacation calm goes up again in  
flames  
The next five summers have been booked around the  
Highland games.  
With coolers, banners, flags and chairs – you wish you'd  
packed a cot  
You're staffing the clan tent m'dear –  
*you're married to a Scot.*

At least a baseball game is called when it's raining cats  
and dogs;  
But there you sit, soaking wet, watching men toss rocks  
and logs.  
The dancers dance, the pipers pipe, your nerves are  
growing taut,  
But you just grin and bear it all –  
*you're married to a Scot.*

You long for more variety in your wardrobe choice and  
plan;  
Instead your closet overflows with colors of the Clan.  
In tartan this, and tartan that, you're always feeling hot,  
In woolens clear up to your ears –  
*you're married to a Scot.*

Now at least you've both retired. Time for leisure, surf  
and sun?  
Your spouse thinks ten more Highland games would be  
a lot of more fun.  
You'd love to sit or take a nap, find the peace for  
which you've sought  
But you're marching in the clan parade –  
*you're married to a Scot.*

So when all of life is over and you rest your mortal bones  
The sod, at last, will shield you from the pipes infernal  
drones;  
Then Saint Andrew will reward you in a special, quiet  
spot  
That's reserved for those in Heaven who were married  
to a Scot.

*From Clan Young Newsletter "Young Times"*



## Membership Committee – Polly Tilford

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

CALIFORNIA – Luanne W. Stanley

CANADA – Donald F. MacLean

COLORADO – Richard Maerk, Sandra Busch, Michael Bruce

FLORIDA – Alice M. Muchmore, Elizabeth Kelly

GEORGIA – Robert J. Bruce, Alan Koman

ILLINOIS – William Bruce

INDIANA – Harold Ingalsbe

MISSOURI – Linda Stevens

NEW YORK – Nick Carrado

OKLAHOMA – Robert Bruce Pyle, Jared Bruce

NORTH CAROLINA – Joanne Bruce Huntley (Life Member)

SOUTH CAROLINA – Allen Crothers

TENNESSEE – Bonnie Bruce Baker, Bryan Caruthers

VIRGINIA – Gerald W. Cousins, Sr., Frank Watts, David Bruce, Conan Bruce, Gerald W. Cousins, Jr., and Andrew Bruce MacPherson

WEST VIRGINIA – Josiah Bennett

## Secretary's Notes – Polly Tilford

Thank you to the person who donated the adorable bears that were sold at some of the games. They were a big hit and it was very sweet of you to think of Family of Bruce International.

At this time, we have 385 members in 2007. Of these, 155 are life members.

Vending items sold during 2006 were: 24 Bruce T-shirts, 5 Tartan visors, 8 Bruce videos, 2 Rebel King paperback, 11 Pens, 1 Scottish 100 Book, 3 Elgin Books, 4 Polos, 2 Great Scot Books, 12 Bears, 12 700<sup>th</sup> DVDs, and 13 700<sup>th</sup> T-shirts.

The Secretary's Report was read at the FOBI business meeting at Stone Mountain and is available to all members on the Website Members Page, by contacting Polly Tilford, 5561 E. Earl Young Rd., Bloomington, IN 47408; [pollytilford@insightbb.com](mailto:pollytilford@insightbb.com); or calling 812 336-5574.

## Charitable Operations – Don Bruce

The Charitable Operations Committee is the outreach arm of Family of Bruce International. The committee will review any requests for funding for worthy Scottish activities. By doing this, we can reach out to and be a part of the greater Scottish community. Do you know of anyone who would love to compete in piping, dancing, or highland athletics, but does not have the funds to support them? Do you have anyone in your family who wants to do research in Bruce or Scottish history and needs some help? These are just a couple of examples. Though our funds are limited, Family of Bruce International can offer some help to those who wish to further Scottish history, heritage or culture. Please forward any requests to the Committee by contacting Don Bruce by email, phone or letter. Members should always be on the lookout for ways that we can contribute to our Scottish community by helping those who need a little boost, or contributing to a charitable cause. Please also feel free to contact Don if you have any questions about what might be a worthy project for us to fund. Questions and inquiries are always welcome. Don's email is [bruce1051@comcast.net](mailto:bruce1051@comcast.net). His phone is 651-439-0495.

## Genealogy – Thomas B. Bruce

Want to know more about your family? Use our website to post genealogy queries and maybe meet a cousin you never knew. Hundreds of postings have been added since 1998. It is fast and effective. Check it out under genealogy on our website [www.brucefamily.com](http://www.brucefamily.com).

Genealogy has gained a momentum in the past few years thanks to the Internet for fast communication and searching abroad while at home. Many countries have found the internet to be a fast mechanism to deliver digital copies of original documents some back as far as the 14<sup>th</sup> century in the UK! With the advent of Ancestry.com and free genealogy sites such as genweb and rootsweb; genealogy has exploded with thousands of pages of information at your finger tips to aid in your search. Nonetheless, our website is packed with a bulletin board and a section called the House of Bruce that lists many genealogies of Canada, England, Ireland, Scotland, USA, and abroad. Look for more additions this year and more data via our own site.



If you have done your research and are at a dead-end, may I suggest a proven scientific method – Bruce YDNA project. This project started off slow due to the price tag and new technology, however as 5 years have passed there are more than 51 male Bruces that have participated from all-over-the-world to find a common connection and unknown links. The price is very inexpensive compared to the curiosity and knowledge gained – you might just be humbled. I myself have found 2 and validated 2 other branches of my Bruce lineage that I thought was true on paper, but now I am certain... I even ruled out a few invalid lines that I believed were part of the family. The cost to participate is small versus the knowledge you gain. Check it out under the Bruce Y-DNA project. Please note that only male Bruces can participate since they possess the Y gene.

## Communications Committee – Deborah Bruce Gottlieb

The Communication Committee is a newly formed committee and its main purpose is to collect and provide timely information of interest to the members of the Family of Bruce International. This includes providing content for **THE BLUE LION** Newsletter, the Bruce Family Website, and other communications. The other members of the committee are MarLo Alexander of Oklahoma, Don Bruce of California, and Joe Bruce of South Carolina. The Committee is very energized to find solutions to meet our communication needs. Since the Family of Bruce International grew (doubled in size in 2005!), we realize we have much opportunity in the area of communication. What we need most of all is input from our members. There are several ways for you to provide information to us. Please take a moment to fill out the Survey included in this newsletter, mail a note, or send an email. We have created an email address for you to communicate with us. It is [FOBI@brucefamily.com](mailto:FOBI@brucefamily.com) or you can contact me at 1495 Jones Road, Roswell, GA 30075. Please send any pictures and family stories you would like to share!

## Editor's Comments – Deborah Bruce Gottlieb

Happy New Year!! I am pleased to serve the Family of Bruce International (FOBI) as the current editor of The Blue Lion Newsletter. I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to Rex Bruce, Rodney Bruce, and John Carlisle who have served as past editors and to all those who contributed to this issue of **THE BLUE LION**. In the "spirit of continuous change", this and future newsletters will

also be available in electronic format. This will mean that you can now view the newsletter in color! I look forward to your ideas and feedback for future newsletters. Please email me at [FOBI@brucefamily.com](mailto:FOBI@brucefamily.com) or write me a note. **Deadline for submission to the next edition of THE BLUE LION will be April 15, 2007.**

## Website – Thomas B. Bruce, Webmaster

Thanks to all who have viewed and sent information for the Bruce Family website, [www.brucefamily.com](http://www.brucefamily.com). The Communications Committee will be providing content to me to update on the website. In addition, there is a members only page that is available for FOBI members. The way to acquire an id and password to access the members page is to use the following steps:

Access the form at the web site address of: <http://www.brucefamily.com/memform.htm>

After receiving authorization via email, use the following address for the members page. You must always enter your id and password to view the members page. [www.brucefamily.com/membersonly](http://www.brucefamily.com/membersonly)

The Members Only Page will contain the electronic versions of the newsletters, Annual Meeting Notes, and other member information.

## Annual Meeting –

The 2006 Family of Bruce International, Inc. Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, October 21 at the Stone Mountain Highland Games. If you wish to obtain a copy of the Meeting Minutes or the Treasurer's Report, please access the Members Only page at [www.brucefamily.com/membersonly](http://www.brucefamily.com/membersonly), send a request to the Bruce Family Email ([fobi@brucefamily.com](mailto:fobi@brucefamily.com)), or to Polly Bruce Tilford.



2006 Annual Meeting – Polly Tilford, John Carlisle, Rex Bruce, and William Bruce



## Merchandise for Sale

Family of Bruce International offers several products for sale. Most of these are described on the FOBI website: <http://www.brucefamily.com/merch.htm>.

Merchandise can be ordered by sending a request and a check payable to Family of Bruce International, Inc. to:

Mrs. Polly Bruce Tilford  
5561 Earl Young Road  
Bloomington, IN 47408

### DVD –

*The 700<sup>th</sup> 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 described in the article on newsletter pages 7 & 8 as well as 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 approximately two hours long. \$18.00 (\$15.00 + \$3.00 shipping)

### BOOKS –

The Elgins – 1766-1917 – by Sydney Checkland. Period history of the Earls of Elgin, their families, and Broomhall. Includes an Earl of Elgin bookplate. \$32.00 (\$30 + \$2 shipping)

Rebel King – Book One – Hammer of the Scots – by Charles Randolph Bruce & Carolyn Hale Bruce. First book in a series of novels about King Robert. [www.rebelking.com](http://www.rebelking.com)  
Hardback - \$31 (\$29 + \$2 shipping); Paperback - \$22 (\$20 + \$2 shipping).

**Duncan Bruce** is a well-known author on Scottish events and people. He was recently interviewed by The Scotsman Newspaper about the incredible contributions people of Scottish heritage have made to America and the world. Mr. Bruce is Lord Elgin's Personal Representative in the United States.

Books by Duncan A. Bruce include:

The Mark of the Scots – History of achievement of Scots around the world. Signed copy - \$22.00 (\$20 + \$2 shipping)

The Scottish 100 – Portraits of History's Most Influential Scots. Signed copy - \$19.00 (\$19 + \$2 shipping)

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

### SHIRTS –

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

Black 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirt with the Bannockburn King Robert statue. Sizes Large and X-Large – \$18.00 (\$15 + \$3 shipping)

Polo Shirts with the Bruce name and the American and St. Andrews Flag. Colors White, Dark Gray, Forrest Green. Sizes – Small – XX-Large. \$28.00 (\$25 + \$3 shipping)

### VIDEOS –

Family of Bruce – produced in 1974 by our Chief, the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, to mark the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of King Robert I. \$23.00 (\$20 + \$3 shipping)

### MISCELLEANEOUS –

Bruce tartan visors - \$11.00 (\$8 + \$3 shipping)

Writing pens - \$6

Small Stuffed Bears – Purple with God Bless Scotland or White/Red/Gold with Lion Rampant Emblem. \$8

## Websites of Scottish interest:

The *Scotsman* interview with Duncan A. Bruce can be accessed on the internet using the following address:

<http://news.scotsman.com/scotland.cfm?id=1779822006>

Also, stay in touch with The Family of Bruce International website for ongoing updates and changes. [www.brucefamily.com](http://www.brucefamily.com)

General USA Information:

[www.asgf.org/](http://www.asgf.org/)  
[www.tartans.com](http://www.tartans.com)

General Scottish Information:

[www.electricscotland.com](http://www.electricscotland.com)  
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**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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