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Lord Elgin Happy 90th Birthday



The Right Honourable the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, KT, LLD, DLitt, DL, JP – Chief of the Name of Bruce – celebrated his 90th birthday on February 17 seated next to the lovely Lady Elgin and surrounded by his grandchildren



DEAR FAMILY —

We are all well aware that a new year has dawned and that once again we must all meet the challenges and opportunities which that provides and demands. This is certainly true for FOBII. This year we will not only deal with the routine business of being one of the American branches of one of the most honored and recognized Scottish clans and families, but we will have the unique opportunity of going to Scotland and experiencing more of our ancestral roots in the celebration of the 700th anniversary of the victory of the Scots over the English at Bannockburn (June). I have purchased my airline tickets (I will be flying on Iceland Air) and have my hotel reservations in Dunfermline and am plotting out what I will be doing for the sixteen days Phyllis and I will be there. We are particularly looking forward to the events planned by our chief, Lord Elgin. We know that he has some very special events and activities planned for us, and I am anticipating an absolutely wonderful experience. If you have not as yet made your plans I would encourage you to do so at your first opportunity. Be sure to inform our Operations Officer, Deb Bruce Gottlieb, of your intentions and plans. At this point it appears that most of us will be arriving at Scotland's largest airport, the one serving Glasgow, and then heading to the Dunfermline area. From there, it is only a very short distance to Stirling and Bannockburn where the national celebrations will take place. For those of you who will not be able to be with us, I can assure you that all will be reported back through the Blue Lion with both stories and photos.

This morning as I sit at my computer to write this letter, I see from my second floor window that several inches of new snow has fallen which I will soon need to deal with. In this part of the country these are things we need to be prepared to cope with on short notice. The local weather people are telling

us that once again the temps will fall below zero (actual air temperature) and that our Minnesota winter is far from over. That in turn reminds me that Phyllis and I will be getting together this week with VP Don and his wife Kathy to plan for the coming games season, which, for us, begins within a few days of our return from Scotland at the Minnesota Scottish Fair. You will also find us this year at the Wisconsin Games in Waukesha and the Stone Mountain Games in Atlanta. – and quite probably a few other Scottish events around the United States. If you would like to invite me to your particular event, please let me know as soon as possible. The sooner I know the more likely I will be able to honor your request.

Allow me to encourage each and every one of you to honor your Scottish heritage and your linkage to the Family of Bruce by attending Scottish events in your area, wearing your Bruce tartans, and informing others of the rich Scottish heritage you relish so much. At the same time, honor your heritage as Americans, and treasure and preserve that along with the Scottish. It will enrich your life.

**WITH THE kindest OF REGARDS TO YOU ALL,
WILLIAM**



William and son, Scott, attend the "Burns Night" ceillidh sponsored by the Minnesota Scottish Fair Board



2014 EVENTS PLANNED

Here's the list of Highland Games and Festivals in 2014 for a Bruce presence. Please let us know of any games in your area you suggest for consideration.

CALIFORNIA –

August 2-3 – Monterey Scottish Games and Celtic Festival – Joel Bruce Crow & Gayle Bruce
<http://www.montereyscotgames.com/index.php>
tentative

August 30-31 – Pleasanton Games – Alameda County Fairgrounds – Joel Bruce Crow & Gayle Bruce
<http://www.thescottishgames.com/>

September 27 – Dixon Scottish Games – Joel Bruce Crow & Gayle Bruce– <http://www.scotsindixon.org/>– tentative

October 10-12 – Seaside Highland Games – Julie Goldsworth – Ventura County www.seaside-games.com/

CANADA – Reid Fisher –

August 30 – Calgary Highland Games – Springbank Park, Calgary
<http://calgaryhighlandgames.org/about>

August 31 – Canmore Highland Games, Centennial Park, Canmore, AB
<http://www.canmorehighlandgames.ca/>

COLORADO – Richard Bruce & Robert Bruce – August 9-10 – Colorado Scottish Festival – Highland Heritage Park in Highlands Ranch
www.scottishgames.org/

September 4-7 – Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival – Estes Park www.scotfest.com

GEORGIA – Deb Bruce Gottlieb & Steve Bruce

October 17-19 – Stone Mountain Highland Games
www.smhg.org – Annual Meeting – 1pm and Annual Dinner at 6pm on Saturday!!

INDIANA – Polly Bruce Tilford

September 13-14 – Columbus Highland Games, Columbus www.scottishfestival.org

KENTUCKY – Polly Bruce Tilford

May 30-June 1 – Glasgow Highland Games, Glasgow
www.glasgowhighlandgames.com

MAINE – Charles F. Bruce III

August 16 – Maine Highland Games, Topsham Fairgrounds www.mainehighlandgames.org

MINNESOTA – William Bruce

July 12 – Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games, Faithful Childhood Catholic School, Eagan
www.mnscottishfair.org

NEW YORK – Nick Carrado (to be confirmed)

August 9 – Central New York Scottish Games
www.cnyscottishgames.org/CNY_Scottish_Games/Welcome.html

OKLAHOMA – MarLo Alexander

September 19-21 – Oklahoma Scottish Games & Gathering, Tulsa www.tulsascottishgames.org

OHIO –

June 26-28 – Ohio Scottish Games – Kenneth Swank Lorain County Fairgrounds, Wellington, OH
<http://www.ohioscottishgames.com/> (to be confirmed)

TEXAS – Vizi Bruce Lange-Caldwell

April 26-27 – Houston Celtic Festival & Highland Games, Houston Farm & Ranch Club, Houston
<http://www.houstonhighlandgames.com/>

VIRGINIA – Gerald Cousins

October 25-26 – Central Virginia Highland Games and Celtic Festival – Richmond Raceway Complex, VA -
<http://vacelticfestival.com/>

WASHINGTON – Susan White

July 12-13 – Skagit Valley Highland Games –
<http://www.visitskagitvalley.com/upcoming-events/summer/skagit-valley-highland-games/>

WISCONSIN – William Bruce & Don Bruce

August 29 -31 – Wisconsin Scottish Fair, (Waukesha Expo Center – Waukesha, Wisconsin)
www.wisconsinscottish.org/

2014 Scottish Games & Events

Please let Deb Bruce Gottlieb know if you have any particular Scottish games or events you suggest a Family of Bruce International attendance.

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Minnesota Scottish Fair

On Saturday night, January 25th, Minnesota Scots gathered at a local venue known as the Celtic Junction for a "Burns Night" ceilidh sponsored by the Minnesota Scottish Fair Board. Phyllis and I were there with our son Scott, for a fun evening of socialization, some delightful highland dance performances, and several sets played by a pared down version of the Macalester College Pipes & Drums – always at their best. Haggis, bridies, meat pies and the usual beverages made up the food options. Toasts, poetry and more followed, with a live ceilidh band providing the background for country dancing. We were also informed that the Minnesota Scottish Fair will be at a new venue this year, in Egan, Minnesota, much closer to the population core of the Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area, something which cannot help but boost attendance.



Bob "MacOleson" of Clan MacDougal (left) and Phyllis and William Bruce at the Burns night ceilidh

St. Andrew's Society of Minnesota

Don Bruce, FOBI Vice President, giving the toast to the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns at the St. Andrew's Society of Minnesota's 38th Annual Robert Burns Dinner on January 18. Don's toast was titled *The Bard and The Bruce*, and made the connection between the great poet and the great king during this anniversary year for Bannockburn. It included *Scots Wha' Hae*, and the story of Lady Catherine Bruce "knighting" Burns with King Robert's sword.



Bloomington Indiana Scottish Society

The 2014 Scottish Society of Greater Bloomington [Indiana] Burn's Evening was everything it should have been and more than enough for those attending. Financial Necessity being the Mother of Egalitarianism, the Society commemorated Robert Burns at American Legion Post 18. Use of this venue enabled lowering the price to \$28, which opened the event to many who otherwise would not have attended, resulting in a relaxed and participatory event. I can still hear the "whoops and hollars" from the Scottish dancers and spectators, but I digress.



Bloomington Indiana Scottish Society (continued)



John Tilford – “slaying” the Haggis at the Bloomington Indiana Scottish Society Burns Night

The agenda was traditional: The Haggis was piped in, addressed, toasted, and quickly slain before it could escape. Scottish country dancing was supplemented with open Céilidh dancing. The pipers were local, Burns speaker Carson Smith from Indianapolis, programs designed in New York by Aaron Tilford, and the Legion-prepared meal excellent. The Legion bar stocked with Scottish whisky for the occasion. Everybody won.



SSGB Board members shown are, from left, Nelson Shaffer, Linda Bruce Bucklin, Rex Bruce, Lois Hendricks, Nancy Foxworthy, and Polly (Bruce) Tilford. Family of Bruce International members present but not pictured are Norma Bruce, Carole Lettelleir, and Ivan Lancaster.

Houston, Texas Burns Supper



Vizi Bruce Lange-Caldwell enjoying the haggis at the Houston Texas Burns Supper



Vizi Bruce Lange-Caldwell proudly carries the Bruce tartan in the Kirking of the Tartan at the Palmer Episcopal Church in Houston, TX



Vietnam War Memorial – Washington DC

BRUCE DANIEL DEAN	MC	PFC	01 MAR 69	IN	31W 99
BRUCE DAVID RAYMOND	MC	LCPL	21 DEC 69	WA	15W 76
BRUCE DENNIS RAY	AR	CPL	22 MAR 66	CA	6E 37
BRUCE DENNY LOWELL	AR	PFC	04 NOV 66	IA	12E 18
BRUCE HENRY MCDONALD	MC	GSGT	04 AUG 68	MD	49W 7
BRUCE JEFFREY RICHARD	MC	SGT	10 FEB 69	NY	32W 3
BRUCE RICHARD BERT	AR	SP4	18 MAR 69	MD	29W 68
BRUCE RICHARD PETER	AR	1LT	12 MAR 68	OH	44E 24
BRUCE ROBERT	AR	2LT	13 SEP 69	NY	18W 77
BRUCE ROBERT GRAHAM	AR	WO	20 MAY 71	WA	3W 42
BRUCE RONALD DWIGHT	AR	SP4	18 APR 67	OH	18E 44
BRUCE SAMMY BRYAN	AR	MSGT	19 APR 67	TX	18E 47
BRUCE WILLIAM JACK	AR	SSGT	28 FEB 69	CA	31W 89
BRUCE JR LEE RAYMOND	AR	PFC	11 JAN 69	MD	35W 69
BRUCE JR SAMUEL	MC	PFC	18 JAN 68	FL	34E 67
BRUCH JR DONALD WILLIAM	AF	1LT	02 SEP 67	TX	18E 47

Names of brave Bruces prominently and proudly displayed on the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington DC

Civil War Grave Stone Identified



After reading your short piece on John's grave, I checked on Ancestry.com and found the following:

John W. Bruce was a private in Company D of the 56th IL Infantry. He enlisted 1 Dec. 1863, and enlisted in Company D on 15 Feb. 1864. Many of the men in this Company were from Gallatin and White Counties in IL. In July 1864 the unit was at Calhoun, Georgia at the Chattanooga and Atlanta Railroad where they successfully repelled every attack from the Confederates on the road. Private Bruce was mustered out at Camp Butler, IL on 18 Sept 1864 which may also be his death date. I was unable to find further info at this time.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Mace

Member McHenry County, IL Genealogical Society and wife of Andrew Mace, FOBI member



Family of Bruce international USA member
Dottie Perry shares one of her poems!

The Joy In Beauty

By Dottie Perry - #615

*The smile on a baby's face is a delight to see.
A soldier coming home from war joins with his
family.*

*The convoluted shape of roses is a grand
design.*

*The moonlight shining on the sea creates a
scene divine.*

*Tall redwoods reaching high above are like a
church at rest.*

*Magnolias, pristine and so white, show nature
at its best.*

*Soft candle-light on silver makes a picture
that's serene.*

*A lawn that is well cared for is a fantasy in
green.*

*An osprey going fishing swoops down from
a lofty height.*

*A diamond God created is a crystal
filled with light.*

*A mountain, too high to seem real, is fresh
for tired eyes.*

*A fish caught by a child is a wonderful
surprise.*

*The blue and white of sky portrayed the
royal colors once.*

*It goes from light to darkest night as each
new color shunts.*

*This all was God's Own precious gift to
help a human see.*

*A hint of Holy Glory from His Love for you and
me.*

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Robert K. Bruce – 2011

Eleanor Lorenz –

December 2013

FOBI member, mother of
Pamela Bruce Holmer.

Pamela Bruce Holmer –

February 11, 2014 –

FOBI member and mother of
Jaqueline Dawn Familiant and
Philip Jules.

Pam passed away with her family by her side after a courageous battle against stage 4 metastatic bone disease. She was a dedicated Bruce supporter. Who proudly marched with the Family of Bruce in Edinburgh in 2009 and on Tartan Day in New York City in 2012.





Preparing for 2014

By Deborah Bruce Gottlieb, FSA Scot

This issue in the series continues with Part IX. These articles document the events (political and cultural) that led up to outcomes in Scotland during the reign of Robert I, King of Scots.

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

The "Peace" in a Courageous Era (1320 – 1329)

As noted in the last article, the Declaration of Arbroath was presented to Pope John XXII in the Spring of 1320 stating Scottish rights, asking the Pope to acknowledge Robert Bruce as King of Scots, and to lift the excommunication order. At this time, King Robert also sent a letter to King Edward II inviting him to negotiations for peace which did result in a two year truce. There were several attempts for a true peace throughout 1321; however, King Robert and King Edward II could not find compromise on the issue of sovereignty and Edward would not admit defeat. Once the two year truce had expired, Bruce resumed an offensive war strategy upon Northern England to further the Scottish quest for the ultimate province over Scotland.

Throughout 1322, raids continued on both sides and in addition, Edward was in a political

struggle with his own barons who wanted him to begin to negotiate peace with the Scots. King Edward then won a significant battle early in the year at the Battle of Boroughbridge when he defeated his own barons who were against him. With this significant battle behind him, he decided to invade Scotland once again in August and September. After destroying Holyrood, Melrose, and Dryburgh Abbeys, King Edward and the English army found themselves in Edinburgh without enough provisions to sustain and feed them and they then retreated back to England. In mid-October the Scots attacked in Yorkshire near where King Edward was in refuge. There, during the Battle of Byland, King Robert's offensive positions outmaneuvered the English army and once again King Edward II lost his shield!

After several attempts at a peace treaty, in May 1323, a 13 year truce was signed, and in January 1324 the Pope finally acknowledged to King Edward that he had decided to address Robert the Bruce as the King of Scots.

Throughout this time of continued turmoil, King Robert's governing of Scotland resulted in many charters defined for burghs, craftsmen guilds, commercial trade, communication, transportation and other needs to enable communities throughout the country to be sustainable.

On March 5, 1324 a son, David, was born to King Robert and Queen Consort Elizabeth at Dunfermline Palace. The birth of David ensured there would be a Bruce heir to the throne.

The King was now at the height of his popularity; nevertheless he was still afflicted with periodic illness as in his early warrior days. He began to build a house on the bank of the River Leven opposite Dunbarton in the parish of Cardross. Instead of building a castle, as most royalty did, he built a 'manerium' or a dwelling-house. The specific location of the mansion is not known, but it is understood it was located in the Pelanyspflait or Mains of Cardross area which is currently the town of Renton. The Strathleven Artizans, a group dedicated to promote historical links in the area and whose patron is Lord Elgin, have opened the Robert the Bruce Heritage Centre in Renton which contains much historical information about Robert the Bruce and this area. (www.strathlevenartizans.com)



In January 1327, charges were brought upon Edward II for his incompetence as a leader, failure to govern, losing lands, and many other accusations which had caused his people to lose faith in him. By February, a coronation was held for his son as Edward III, King of England. Several invasions ensued by the Scots and the English between the borders, and in August, Bruce and his army invade Northumberland. By October, negotiations for peace between Scotland and England continued but now with more earnest discussion. In March 1328, the Treaty of Edinburgh, which brought an end to the long fought War of Independence, was signed by Robert the Bruce, and then ratified by the English Parliament at Northampton in May. King Robert the Bruce had finally succeeded in bringing peace between Scotland and England.

At the end of 1328, although ill, King Robert went on a pilgrimage (setting off from the home he had built in the Parish of Cardross) to Arran, Turnberry, and other areas that were dear to him. When he returned back to his manor house, he was placed on his deathbed and requested that upon his death his heart to be removed from his body and carried on a crusade to the Holy Land. After his death on June 7, 1329, his heart was removed from his body, embalmed and placed in a small lead casket and his body was interred at Dunfermline Abbey. In accordance to King Robert's wishes, Sir James Douglas, with the casket containing the King's heart around his neck, along with other trusted knights, including Sir William Keith, Sir William Sinclair, Robert and Walter Logan, set off in 1330 on their crusade to the Holy Land. While traveling through Spain, they joined up with King Alfonso's campaign against the Moors of Granada. During the battle at Tebas on August 25, 1330, Douglas and the others found themselves separated from the main body of the army they had joined and they were tragically mortally slain. Douglas, knowing his fate, tossed the casket bearing Bruce's heart into battle with the words (according to Barbour text):

*"Now pass thou forth before,
As thou was wont in field to be,
And I shall follow or else die"*

Douglas' body was recovered from the field, and his bones along with King Robert's heart taken back to Scotland by Sir William Keith. In

accordance with the King's earlier wish, his heart was buried ceremoniously at Melrose Abbey. King Robert the Bruce had fulfilled the quest to bring peace and security to Scotland, receive acknowledgement from Rome that his excommunication was absolved, and that he was recognized as the King of Scots.

Next and final article:

X. Final Event Plans to Celebrate the 700th Anniversary of Bannockburn – *May 2014*

The series of articles above were composed using the three books listed below as well as an article which appeared in August 2011 Blue Lion. There is much more interesting 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

Bruce, William, MA, FSA Scot – Summary in the August 2011 Blue Lion, *The Battle of Bannockburn – The Basics*

Traveling to Scotland in 2014

For those who have expressed interest in traveling to Scotland in June 2014 for the 700th anniversary events, details of the Bruce plans will now be sent to you via email and USPS. If you have an interest in attending these events but have not yet communicated it, please let Deb Bruce Gottlieb know as soon as possible at fobi@familyofbruce.org.

General Public Information:

BATTLE OF BANNOCKBURN: There are two different battle events scheduled on June 28-29 at Bannockburn. One is a 3D event inside the Bannockburn Centre and detail for purchasing tickets for these events can be found at www.battleofbannockburn.com website! The other is the ongoing battle re-enactments on June 28-29. <http://www.bannockburnlive.com/>. Please note – the tickets need to be privately purchased for the events.

PIPEFEST: On Friday night, June 27, a Pipefest is scheduled which is a march of massed bands, dancers, and clans which will take place in Stirling. Since it coincides with the reception event at Broomhall on the 27th, Bruce representation will be limited.



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:

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- Florida** – Adam Feldstein, Janet Lange
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- Colorado** – Caroline Eugenie Elizabeth Bruce Lange and Peter Bruce Augustus Lange
- Florida** – Katherine Louise Virginia Bruce Lange and Virginia Morton Lange

FOBI Board appreciates all who have paid their 2014 annual dues!! Thank you!

2014 Annual Dues - \$25 payable to FOBI by January 1, 2014. Please mail to:

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This issue of the Blue Lion contains a four-page membership roster as of December 31, 2013 plus addition of new members. Therefore, the Blue Lion is only 12 pages rather than the regular 16 pages.

The Deadline for input to the NEXT ISSUE IS April 15, 2014

Please send pictures and/or stories to Deb Gottlieb at deb@familyofbruce.org or by mail to 1495 Jones Road, Roswell, GA 30075

Member Announcement!!!

Member Vizi Bruce Lange Caldwell is interested in selling a number of items in the Modern Bruce tartan – tailored by Lochcarran of Scotland. Excellent condition.

Price of \$495.00 plus shipping for all bulleted items below or available priced individually.

- Hostess Length kilted skirt
Waist: 29” – 31” with buckle adjustment
Length from waist: 25”
Hips: 40”
\$175.00 plus shipping
- Short Kilted Skirt
Waist: 29” – 31” with buckle adjustment
Hips: 40”
Length from waist: 25”
\$165.00 plus shipping
- Sash – \$75.00
- Scarf – \$40.00
- Ladies Sporrans with over the shoulder chain \$35.00
- Visor - \$5.00
- Ghillies/dance shoes – men’s size 8 (fits women’s size 10B) - \$35.00

Additional hostess kilted Skirt available – brand new and never worn - \$330
Waist: 29”
Hips: 40”
Length from waist: 38”

Contact Info: 1-832-661-7540 or vizilange@gmail.com

Portion of funds to be donated to the FOBI Bannockburn Fund.... Thank you

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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.

FAMILY OF BRUCE INTERNATIONAL, INC. – FEBRUARY 2014

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Dunfermline Abbey – Stained Glass Windows

Dunfermline Abbey has many beautiful stained glass windows.
The window below is in the Nave and depicts four heroes of Scotland.



From left to right:

- William Wallace – Guardian of Scotland and a leader in the Scottish Wars of Independence.
- Malcolm III Canmore – King of Scots 1057 – 1093. Remains buried at Dunfermline Abbey.
- St Margaret – Queen Consort of Scotland as wife of Malcolm III, mother of David I King of Scots. Saint Margaret was canonized in 1250 by Pope Innocent IV in recognition of her personal holiness, fidelity to the Church, work for religious reform, and charity. Remains buried at Dunfermline Abbey.
- Robert the Bruce – King of Scots 1306 – 1329. Descended from the scoto-Norman and Gaelic nobilities. Great hero leader of Scotland in the Wars of Independence. Other major achievements include the Declaration of Arbroath and the Treaty of Edinburgh-Northampton which finally recognized Scotland as an independent country. Remains buried at Dunfermline Abbey