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The Family of Bruce International at the 2010 Stone Mountain Highland Games

Every year at this time the Family of Bruce International Officers and Board of Directors are busily planning for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and get together at the Stone Mountain Games in Georgia. That weekend is the time and place every year that the FOBI Officers and Board get together to address business items as well as have fun and to visit with many of our members.

You will note that this September issue of the Blue Lion has arrived to you in August. This is to provide you with adequate notice of several items to be discussed at the AGM at 1pm on Saturday, October 16. More details for this are on pages 11-12 of this newsletter.

This year at the Stone Mountain Games, the Family of Bruce International will proudly be sponsoring two athletic awards. They are the Athlete of the Day – 3rd place and the Amateur Athlete of the Day – 3rd place. Bill Caruthers, a long time Family of Bruce member, is the Athletic Director for the Stone Mountain Games and has been involved in many Scottish athletic events over the years.

We expect many of our members to attend these games. Most years we have 40-50 members from the local Atlanta area as well as across the country in attendance.

The tent space at this game is very accommodating for members to visit. There is plenty of room behind the tent and there are cookies, brownies, snacks, and sandwich items to share.

On Saturday evening, September 18, we will have our annual Bruce dinner at 6pm. It has been held for the last couple of years at Aldo's Italian Restaurant in Tucker. This venue has worked out very well for us in the past since we are in our own private room and separate checks are issued so there are no hassles dividing up the bill! The fare is very good and the entrees prices range from \$10 - \$25 – see the menu at

www.aldositalianrestaurant.com. We do hope you will consider joining us. If you are interested in attending the annual Bruce dinner on Saturday evening, Please contact Deb Gottlieb at deb@familyofbruce.org or mail to 1495 Jones Road, Roswell, GA 30075

On Sunday, we all reconvene for another day of family fun and fellowship. We always have a good number of people in the Parade of the Tartans, and then spend the rest of the afternoon visiting, eating, viewing the many events, and visiting the vendor's shops.



DEAR FAMILY —

Summer is here and we are rapidly moving into the fall season. Here in Minneapolis where I live, my wife and I are having some landscaping done to improve the “back garden” and make it as sheltie proof as possible. The garage is being substantially repaired and refurbished to make it more functional and better able to protect our vehicles from the Minnesota winters. My personal part of the garage project is to give it a fresh coat of paint – after the scraping and sanding of course. We are looking forward to our trips to Wisconsin, Iowa and Georgia in September and October for the “Scottish Fairs” and “Highland Games” in those places. Did you notice my article entitled “A Weekend at the Games” in the May issue of the Blue Lion? I sincerely hope that it inspired you to attend your local games and to consider coming to Stone Mountain, Georgia, in October to join dozens of other members of our family who will be there for both our annual business meeting and the other activities we have planned – as well as enjoying one of the very largest Scottish gatherings anywhere in the world.

It is always good to hear from our members, and we urge you to stay in touch, especially when you have a question, suggestion or news to share. Several of our members, as you have seen in the Blue Lion, have prepared articles in relation to their regional and/or personal Bruce history and we encourage other members to do the same. Our editor is always delighted to have so much material to publish that it challenges her to get it all in. Recently a member expressed a thought to a member of the board that she believed we ought to reward our over 90 years of age members for their loyalty and give them a bit of a break on fees. The result was that the board voted to waive the membership fees for our annual members who reach the 90 year milestone. Your board really does listen and respond to member ideas. There are other positive changes in the works that over the next couple of years will, I am certain, improve membership communication/relations. We will keep you well informed.

One of the things we would like to do is to update our membership information. As you are all well aware, the two former Bruce organizations were dissolved almost five years ago and the new single organization formed with the memberships of the previous organizations invited to be part of the new. Unfortunately, some of the membership records of the previous organizations were never turned over to

the new. If anyone out there has any of these records or knows where they may be, we would be delighted to have that information. Please contact our National Secretary, Polly Bruce Tilford, if you are able to help in this way. In the mean time, I am recommending to the membership, particularly those of you who were long term members of the previous organizations, that you send Polly your current information, even if you think we have it. If you are not sure what information to send, start with the basics such as current address, phone number, date of birth, date of original membership, e-mail address, names of spouse and children under 18 years of age, Scottish and Bruce interests, and whatever else you may want us to know. We will check the information you send against the records we do have and update them as appropriate. The information may be sent to Polly either by regular mail or by e-mail. You will find her contact information inside the back cover of this Blue Lion. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Among our responsibilities as the Bruce organization is to try to be as many things to as many of our members as possible. If there is an area of Bruce interest which in your opinion deserves more coverage than we are giving it, in the Blue Lion, on the web site, or otherwise, please let us know. If we are able to do something to rectify the situation we certainly will.

The photo with this letter is of me with my two and a half year old Shetland Sheep Dog “Robby”. He is the biggest small dog I know of. He has a huge impact on our household, just as any good Scottish breed dog should have. Keep those dog stories coming in to our Blue Lion editor? Robby has his own Bruce tartan collar which he wears for special events. You can read more about him in “Confessions of a Rescue Sheltie” at www.mnsheltierescue.org. Kind regards to all of the Family of Bruce.

Yours aye, William



William and Robby



Join the Family of Bruce International members at the following games scheduled for the rest of 2010!!!

Please contact a Commissioner or representative near you for more information!!
See page 15 for contact information

The games listed on this page are those that are known at this time for Family of Bruce tents.

COLORADO – Richard Bruce
September 9-12 – Longs Peak Scottish/Irish
Highland Festival – Estes Park
www.scotfest.com

GEORGIA – Deb Bruce Gottlieb
October 16-17 – Stone Mountain Highland Games
www.smhg.org – Annual Meeting – 1pm and
Annual Dinner at 6pm on Saturday!!

IOWA – William Bruce
September 18 – Scottish Games of the Quad
Cities, Davenport
www.celtichighlandgames.org/index.htm

INDIANA – Polly Tilford
September 11-12 – Columbus Highland Games,
Columbus www.scottishfestival.org

OKLAHOMA – MarLo Alexander
September 18-19 – Oklahoma Scottish Games &
Gathering, Tulsa www.tulsascottishgames.org

SOUTH CAROLINA – Boone McKoy
September 18 – Charleston Scottish Games &
Highland Gathering, Charleston, SC
www.charlestonscots.org

VIRGINIA – Jay Cousins
October 23-24– Meadow Highland Games and
Celtic Festival – www.richmondceltic.com
Jay, Gerald, & Debbie Cousins
Formerly Richmond Highland Games

WISCONSIN – William Bruce
September 3-5 – Wisconsin Scottish Fair,
(Waukesha Expo Center – Waukesha,
Wisconsin) www.wisconsinsscottish.org/

Your Help Wanted... To Define the 2011 Family of Bruce Games Schedule

The deliberations to define the games for the 2011 season the Family of Bruce International will attend are already underway!! Your input is valuable to ensure we are scheduling events our members want to attend.

Have you attended games you think that FOBI should be attending? Do you have some Scottish events in your local area you would like our members to know about? Some potential areas for new Bruce tents could be games in Florida, New Hampshire, Louisiana, Michigan, the Southwest, etc. Please let us know what you think!!!

The members that host the Bruce tents are always looking for members to help out. This can be in a number of ways. Helping to set up or take down the items on the tent, welcoming visitors and handing out information, marching with the family in the tartan parade are a few ways to enjoy helping out, or just relieving the host for a bit of time for a "biological break" or a "walk about". All help is welcome!! For those who want to do more, we have a type of "tutorial" that covers questions and topics that are brought up by visitors.

For all those who have helped out in the past we thank you profusely!!!! It can truly be fun and rewarding!!

Please provide your feedback on 2011 games to:

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Woodland, CA. Games Roger Kelly Commissioner for California

The Caledonian Club of Sacramento has held 'Scottish Games and Festival' in the Capital city region since the 1870's. This major club and its decade-older 'sister' – Caledonian Club of San Francisco – are proof of early and strong Scottish influence in California. Today, 'The Friendly Games' as the Woodland event is called by the sponsoring Club, thousands of visitors enjoyed a two-day event at a local fairgrounds which included 64+ clans, Scottish animals (highland cattle, dogs, sheep, etc), 10 pipe bands, 4 musical performers, fiddles, harps and dancing, 7 athletic competitions, 65 vendors, the US Scottish Drum Major Championship and of course a Saturday evening *ceilidh* attended by hundreds of American Scots! Of particular interest were short lectures on tartans, Gaelic language, and genealogical research. Historic re-enactors portrayed Romans, Gael warriors, Queen Mary's Court, Scottish army units from the 1760's, US Civil War, and 20th Century World Wars. The opening ceremonial parades each day were quite a display of Scottish history and culture! The US Drum Major competition involved a large group of 14 highly skilled individuals, including 5 females in a junior class. We were impressed by the event's organization, layout, variety of attractions, and most of all, response from visitors to the clan area. We plan to attend this excellently produced event in 2011. Several smaller games in central California were canceled due to economic conditions.

Our assigned tent space was next to the Cumming Clan who were good neighbors. Several visitors were people with Bruce, Carlisle and Randolph affiliations who expressed pleasure at seeing our Family tartan, information, and image of King Robert as shown in the Bannockburn museum. Five individuals were warmly welcomed and left mailing addresses. We presented pins, brochures, newsletters, and membership applications to each serious contact. Later, reminder post cards were mailed to these persons as 'thank you' for their interests. We probably spoke to 2 dozen persons or families at some level of contact. As 'newbies' to this event, our tent position was at one end of a clan row but

we were told that regularly attending clans are assigned more favorable locations. In all, this event has loyal participation and is focused on Scottish traditions, culture, and history that has broad appeal in the Sacramento region.



Roger Kelly proudly discusses Bruce History with a visitor at the Woodland California Games

Gatlinburg Scottish Festival & Games Gatlinburg, TN – May 14-16 Arline Guyton

The Gatlinburg Scottish Festival and Games was a delightful event. Unlike the deluge that marred the 2009 games, this year we had beautiful sunny weather with the obligatory scattered mountain drizzles. We all enjoyed the parade on Friday evening. There were 15 pipes and drums bands making for an inspiring massed bands event. Thirty one clans had tents on the field, plus three Scottish societies, creating a colorful setting around the large field activities. Another new event on Sunday afternoon was a "Scottish Dog Parade and Talent Show". Because the games were held this year on Armed Forces Day (Saturday, May 15) a moving "Tribute to the Fallen" was presented by the Scottish American Military Society.

Houston Highland Games Scottish Festival Houston, TX – May 15-16 Vizi Lange-Caldwell

Thank you to Vizi for handing out the Bruce literature at the Caledonian Kitchen Tent!!! The Family of Bruce International sponsored two Medal Sets for Scottish Highland Dancing at the Houston Games.



**Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games
Farmington, MN – May 22
William Bruce & Don Bruce**

In spite of the nasty weather (strong winds and heavy rain) the Family of Bruce tent had many visitors and all had a good time especially with the Shelties who were in a nearby tent.



Visitors at the Family of Bruce and Minnesota Sheltie Rescue tents



Maxine participating in the Haggis Toss

**Indiana Scottish Games – June 12
Fort Wayne, IN
Polly Bruce Tilford**



(left to right) Polly Bruce Tilford with the MacMillans and Ramsays

**Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games
Arlington, TX – June 4-6
John Carlisle & Vizi Lange-Caldwell**

A spectacular weekend was experienced by all who attended the Texas Scottish Festival. Many people visited the tent and all had a great time!!!

**Glasgow, Kentucky Highland Games –
June 5-6
Polly Bruce Tilford**



Tent Site Hosts - Polly Bruce Tilford, right, Harold Ingalsbe, center, and Nancy Foxworthy (Shaw), left

**Blairsville Georgia Scottish Festival &
Highland Games
June 12-13
Deb Bruce Gottlieb & Steve Bruce**

It was a lovely Georgia Mountain setting the weekend of the Blairsville Games. A number of our members visited the tent and marched in the Parade of the Tartans. It's also fun to visit with the other clan tents and members we see there each year.



**Ohio Scottish Games
Lorain County Fairgrounds
Wellington, Ohio
June 26 - Kenneth Swank**



Kenneth Swank hosts the Bruce tent and greets many new visitors

**Grandfather Mountain Highland Games
Linville, NC - July 10-11
Steve Bruce & Deb Bruce Gottlieb**

The Bruces had a grand time at Grandfather Mountain. After some rain and a wee breeze of 50mph, the wind settled down to make it a gorgeous weekend. It is always great to see our members and visitors each year.



The Bruces marched with new members John and Joyce Bruce

**64th Annual Pacific Northwest Scottish
Highland Games & Clan Gathering
Enumclaw, WA - July 24-26 -
Susan Walker**

The Seattle Highland Games and Scottish Fair were held on July 31 and August 1 in Enumclaw WA. Susan Walker was the host for the games and has set up a Bruce tent there for the second year in a row. Don Bruce, national vice-president, and Kathy were in Seattle visiting their son Charley and his girlfriend Shelby and made a point of spending the day with Susan. The games there are very large, taking place on the King County fairgrounds with the Cascade Mountains in the background. Attendance was very good and everyone reported having a great time. The tent was busy much of the day, and Susan also helped out at the Seattle Caledonian and St. Andrew's Society tent next door. She is the secretary of that organization, as well as an enthusiastic tent host for Family of Bruce.



left to right: Don Bruce, Susan Walker, Kathy Bruce Shelby Knutson, Charley Bruce

Bundadoon, Australia



Australia Bruce Representative, Chris Bruce and his daughter Gabrielle enjoy the day

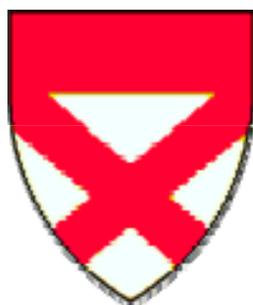


Bruce Heraldry – Part III Thomas Allen Bruce, CStJ, FSA Scot

In previous articles in this series, we have discussed the “pronominal Arms” that are the basis of the Arms granted or matriculated to individuals having a common surname. We also mentioned that the various members of a family will receive “differenced” Arms based on those pronominal Arms, showing their relationship to other armigers in the same family and to the Chief of the Name or Clan, but with individualized colors or charges that make each Scottish Achievement of Arms unique. In this article we will describe the ways in which Arms are differenced.

There are three main ways that Scottish Arms are made to be unique, or “differenced:” change of color or tincture; addition of charges; and addition of borders. These may also be combined.

Perhaps the earliest differencing method was change of tincture. Recall that one of the conventions of heraldry is that color is placed on metal, or metal on color, but not metal on metal or color on color. Remember also that there are two heraldic metals, gold and silver or Or and Argent, and it will then become clear that a Coat of Arms which had gold as its original metal could be easily changed to depict silver as its metal, thus making the new Arms similar but still different and unique.

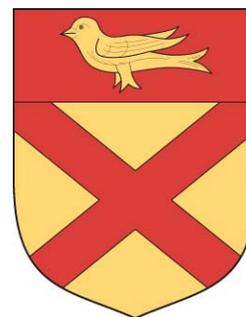


Annandale Arms difference with a change of metal – Silver (Argent)

Early Bruce Arms in Scotland were blazoned as “Or, a saltire and chief Gules.” A simple change would be “Argent, a saltire and chief Gules” and indeed this simple difference appears to have been used by various branches of the Family in early times.

A change of color, instead of or in addition to a change of metal, can also be an armorial difference, though often a change of color might indicate a relationship based on proximity in location rather than a blood relationship. The heads of several families who live or once lived in the old Bruce Lordship of Annandale therefore use the saltire and chief of the Bruces, but in different colors. (Nisbet: Vol. 1, 132-133.)

A second major method of differencing is to add additional figures, or “charges,” to the basic field of the shield. An example of Bruce Arms using this method is the Arms of Lord Aberdare, which added a gold martlet, which is a strange little heraldic bird with no feet, to the Bruce pronominal Arms. Lord Aberdare’s Arms are then blazoned as: “Or, a saltire Gules, on a chief of the Second a martlet of the First.”



Baron Aberdare Arms

Another simple example of Bruce Arms with an additional figure added for a difference would be the addition of a mullet, or five pointed star, to the Arms of Bruce of Airth in early times and subsequent use of mullets by various Bruces descended from Airth, including Bruce of Kinnaird.

As a subset of adding charges for difference there also can be a change of outline of figures on the shield. A Bruce example would be the Arms of Bruce of Newton, which used Argent as their metal, and which depicted the chief with a lower border “embattled,” or drawn like the ramparts of a castle. Thus the blazon for the arms of the early Bruces of Newton: “Argent, a saltire Gules, a chief embattled of the Second.”

Special mention must be made here of the use of a canton in the Arms of our Chief. The canton in Lord Elgin’s Arms is not used as a



difference, but rather as a convenient way of combining the ancient Arms of Bruce of Skelton with the Arms of Bruce of Annandale. The Arms of the Earls of Kincardine do the same thing, but in a different way. The combination of Skelton and Annandale in those Arms is done by "quartering," which depicts a shield divided into four parts, with one set of Arms in the first and third quarters, and the others in the second and fourth quarters. (Innes of Learney: 55.)



Arms of Bruce of Annandale
Or (Gold)



Arms of Bruce of Skelton
Argent (Silver)



Arms of the Earl of Elgin
Combination of Skelton
and Annandale Arms

The heir to a Coat of Arms, while his father is still living, uses those Arms with the addition of a "label," which is a mark that is placed over the shield as a temporary difference, and which is then removed when the Arms are inherited. This method of labeling should not be confused with the addition of charges for differencing, because differencing is permanent, and will be inherited by each heir in succession, while a label is considered to be temporary.



Armorial Banner
depicting a "label"
which is used by
Charles, Lord Bruce, the
eldest son of our Chief

The third common method for differencing Arms is the addition of a border. In Scotland this method is much used for differencing Arms within close-knit families, and is done according to a certain set pattern of borders composed of colors and metals. A border may also be used in combination with other differences. An example of the use of a border for difference within the Family of Bruce is the Armorial banner used at The Gathering in Edinburgh in 2009 by the Honorable Adam Bruce, second son of our Chief. The banner depicts the Arms of the Chief within a gold border.



Honorable Adam Bruce marching with a Bruce Armorial
banner with a Gold border

In Scotland today differences of whatever form are assigned by the Lord Lyon upon petition for a grant of new Arms or upon a petition to matriculate ancestral Arms. The direct heir to Arms will receive the Arms unchanged, but younger sons and other heirs will be assigned a difference. The Lord Lyon is the only authority who could ensure that each Coat of Arms is unique, because Lyon Court has the records of all Arms used in Scotland since the Lyon Register was begun in 1672.

In future articles, we plan to discuss further the Armorial Bearings of specific branches of the Family of Bruce.

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This issue will feature Border Collies which were originally called "Scotch Sheep Dogs" and originated on the border between Scotland and England. They are a descendant from dogs used by the Vikings to herd Reindeer. They are highly energetic, hard working, and very trainable. They serve well for search and rescue, police work, competitive obedience, agility, and are very loyal and protective of their family. Please enjoy this story about the Tilford's Isobel and Rory.....

Tilford Border Collies

By John Tilford

Polly and I have only adopted a grand total of two Border Collies into our family. Attempting to describe "Border Collies" on that basis is as hopeless a task as attempting to describe, say, the Highlands based on two photographs, albeit beautiful photographs.

Border Collies are similar in physical respects to "dogs" as most people consider the friendly and loyal creatures with whom they share their homes, and as noble as most dogs are. But more, Border Collies function as persons – thinking, emoting, perpetually learning, even calculating people. Smaller, black and white or red and white, furred, four legged, but little people. Let me illustrate with examples: Polly and I met ten week old Isobel in October 1995 as she played with her mother and siblings. She adopted us and her new home during the next couple of months. She jumped from a three foot tall porch, splatting her little puppy belly on the ground in the process, to challenge a full grown German Shepard who strayed near our property line. Polly, Isobel's adoptive "mommy", was in the front yard. Isobel placed herself between Polly and the Shepard, advanced, barked, but did not cross the line. How did Isobel know? She must have observed our territorial behavior and extrapolated to herself. Our two Border Collies were not ["Skinner box"] *trained* through our application of positive reinforcement for desired behavior. They were, and Rory still is, self-taught and self-rewarded as they observe their person or persons, the situation around us, and decide what they think we need – they know they are sometimes smarter than we are in that regard – and do what they think meets those needs. Praise helps to confirm their decisions. They derive satisfaction/fulfillment from this lifetime mission. Treats are nice, affection is fine, but mission accomplishment is absolutely paramount. Contrasted with Rory, our present Border Collie, Isobel was perpetually focused on her perception of

our need for security. She would show her teeth to a Girl Scout selling cookies at our front door, growl if the Scout moved forward, and snap if the Scout attempted to enter after those two progressive warnings. 'Not what we considered good behavior, but what Isobel "knew" was correct. On the other hand, Isobel, when just a few months old, started barking at 1:30 one very cold winter morning. All windows were closed against the 17 degree temperature. Daddy got up and found nothing wrong, talked to Isobel, and went back to bed. At about 2:00, three police cars pulled up in the drive next door and called, "We know you're in there, come on out". The bad person wasn't "in there". He had left earlier. Probably around 1:30. But Tilford's were awake and he did not get in our house.

Isobel was even more affectionate to us than is Rory, if that is possible. A part of me died with her when lymphoma took her away.



Isobel wades with Daddy at Harper's Ferry. She was afraid of running water, but she was with him.

Rory was rescued at six months of age, found wandering near a small town by the county animal control people. The shelter called me exactly two years after we lost Isobel. He was afraid of sticks and still does not like children. He was skinny and had a nasty sinus infection. He played alone with anything he could throw in the air and then pounce on. But he stayed next to me as we walked that first day. While Isobel would herd deer back toward me when we walked through the woods, running full speed for minutes at a time, Rory has decided it's not fun or beneficial to get tired chasing deer. Now Rory assumes most people are his friends, loves playing with thrown stickie-bickies, and traps me into shared games of his design. Three nights ago I heard Rory's "I think something's out there, come see" bark. I left the library, opened the front door, and stepped outside – almost tripping on a Frisbee.



Rory knew if he used that bark I would come out. He also knew I would step out of the front door. He carefully placed the Frisbee exactly where I would step on it in the half-light, barked the fake bark, and then waited fifteen feet away in the head-down, classic Border Collie position which is how he indicates he's ready for a throw. There was no threat outside. Rory had set me up. I threw the Frisbee. Several times.

Both Isobel and Rory learned the meaning of our words exactly as a child learns, by listening and observing. (Rory picked up "air conditioning" real quick this summer.) Both could understand and act on simple subject-verb-object sentences. ("Isobel, go downstairs and bring back your yellow ballie.") On the other hand, neither could count past three. Long division was out of the question.

Isobel taught herself to play Frisbees in Charlottesville in 1997. She hurt one of her legs severely enough to hardly be able to walk. Mr. Veterinarian examined, determined no break, gave anti-inflammatory/pain medication, and Isobel immediately wanted to play more Frisbees. When playing a game she invented, *Whoever Has the Frisbee can Chase the Other*, she and I raced to get a loose Frisbee that was concave side down on a hardwood floor. She beat me to it but saw she only had about a second to pick it up before I got



Isobel kills a stuffed squirrel.

there with my unfair fingers and opposable thumbs. It would have been too time consuming to use her lower teeth to push the Frisbee along the slick floor until the edge came up and she could grab it. She looked at me, then down at the Frisbee, then put her two front paws on either side,

squeezed them together so that the Frisbee bent up in the middle, and grabbed the Frisbee with her teeth. She won. After that, whenever a Frisbee was concave side down on a hard, flat surface (and at other times when she wanted to show off) she would use the same technique. Sometimes this would result in her carrying a folded Frisbee that looked a little like a hotdog bun. (I, university educated, would not have thought of that technique. Certainly not in a half-second.) She also played *Keep the Frisbees away*

from Daddy, sometimes getting as many as four in her mouth at the same time. She learned to nestle the Frisbees concave side up to hold more. She would spread out on the ground, holding down a Frisbee with each front paw while holding more in her mouth. Once, as I was physically picking her up to get to the Frisbees, she reached out with a hind paw to hold one last Frisbee down and away from me. Another time she held the last Frisbee between her two front paws while being picked up.



Rory on high-alert

Rory recently began to speak to us, usually around 9:30 or 10:00 in the evening, when he wants something. He'll gather his doggie lips together toward the front of his mouth and say *ooah, oh, and oom*. Clearly *oom*. I'll ask him "What's that, Lassie? Grandma's fallen down the well and can't get out?" but he's not old enough to understand the humor. So I get up and he leads me to whatever he wants to show me, then looks first at it and then at my eyes. The drawer to his treat bag is an example.

Both Isobel and Rory were good with signaling with their eyes, and with understanding our gestures. Both would, on their own initiative, scoot over on a car seat to make room for you, or reach around to hug you with their arms during a kiss. Both would die to protect you. God bless them.



Robert Beecher and Sadie, his border collie, relax at the Indiana Scottish Games in Fort Wayne



Heather Bruce Dances and Marches at the Highlands Ranch Games & Colorado Scottish Festival



Heather dancing and participating in the debut of the Colorado Youth Pipe Band's Grade V pipe band. The pipers and drummers range from age 9 to 14, and Heather is the sole tenor drummer.

Officer Elections

The election of the following officer positions will be held in the Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Stone Mountain Games in GA, on Saturday, October 16, at 1pm: President, Vice-President, and at At-Large Board Member. As published in the May 2010 newsletter, all nominations are to be sent in by September 1 to the National Secretary.

Mission Statement Survey Update

The recommended Mission Statement to be presented and voted on at the AGM in October is:

"To promote, honor, and preserve our Scottish and Bruce heritage by sponsoring activities, events, scholarships, and continual communication through the newsletter 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."

Proposed Changes to the Bylaws

At the 2010 Annual General Meeting at Stone Mountain, the Board will propose extensive changes to the Bylaws of the organization. Because of their length, we are unable to publish the entire revised Bylaws in the Blue Lion. However, we are providing written notice to the membership of the proposed changes by providing the following summary of those changes. Overall, the changes are mostly in organization of the Bylaws, with some substantive changes that are described in this summary. A full copy of the new Bylaws is available at www.familyofbruce.org for your review. A full copy of the proposed by-laws will be emailed to all members who have provided email addresses. If you wish to have a paper copy of the by-laws, please contact Deborah Bruce Gottlieb (see page 15 for contact information). The summary is as follows:

1. New Articles I, II, and III

These sections are essentially unchanged except that the Acknowledgment of the Chief is now located here, rather than in Article VI of the current Bylaws, which deal with the Board of

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Mrs. Judith J. Sjostrom of New York – Long time life member and supporter of Family of Bruce

CORRECTION - Mrs. Gary Misch (Marilyn Winton Totten) was incorrectly listed in the **FLOWERS OF THE FOREST** in the May 2010 issue. Marilyn is well and looks forward to many more Scottish events!!!

We were all aghast that this occurred! In this situation, the Post Office had returned and written "deceased" on the newsletter. We make every attempt to ensure the information list is correct, and we are very pleased this situation has been corrected. Please help us keep our records straight. Thank you!



Directors. The Acknowledgment of the Chief is from the organization, not just the Board, so it belongs here.

2. New Article IV, Membership

In this article, sections 1, 2, 5 and 7 are essentially unchanged. The only change in 7 was to remove reference to the Treasurer, as the duties are more clearly the function of the Secretary. Reference to a Secretary/Treasurer, a position that does not exist, was deleted.

In Sections 3, 4, and 6, language to reflect the annual and lifetime dues was added, and similar language in the current Bylaws under Article VIII was removed to eliminate redundancies. Nothing substantive was otherwise changed. Section 4 has added language directing that lifetime dues be placed in our CD accounts, which has been the intention and practice of the organization. Since we do have 2 types of membership, Section 6 contains a change that gives the Secretary the duty to determine whether an individual is a regular or associate member, which would determine that member's eligibility for office.

3. New Articles V and VI, Officers and Elections

These 2 articles are primarily a reorganization of the current Article V entitled Officers. By dividing it into 2 articles, it clarifies what offices there are, with a separate article on how the officers are elected. The new Article V is unchanged except for the addition of language referencing the at-large Board of Director position and setting his/her term. The new Article VI, entitled Elections, contains a reference to the annual election of the at-large Board member. Language was also added to provide that nominations for an office that is up for election in a particular year must be made in advance of the general meeting and sets a deadline for doing so. It also allows the Board options in the event that there is no qualified nominee for an office at the time the nominations would otherwise close.

4. New Article VII, Board of Directors

This article is the current Article VI and the only substantive change is moving the Acknowledgment of the Chief as described above. Language about replacing board members who leave early was also removed as it

is now redundant with language in the new Article VI concerning elections.

5. New Article VIII, Meetings

This is the current Article VII and is essentially unchanged except for some clarifying language concerning a quorum for the Annual General Meeting.

6. New Article IX, Revenue

This is the current Article VIII and the changes add the ability for the Board to offer a lower rate for people joining the organization for the first time, depending on what part of the year they join. Language also clarifies that the first year's payment is an initiation fee, different from annual dues that a member would pay each year thereafter, to make it consistent throughout the bylaws.

7. New Articles X, XI, XII, and XIII.

These are the same as the current Articles IX, X, XI, and XII. These are unchanged except for XIII, where language was added to make it clear that any change in annual or lifetime dues requires an amendment to the bylaws, and thus a vote of the general membership at the annual meeting.

Finally the lines at the end are for recordkeeping purposes, to show that the Bylaws were amended once before, and anticipating that they will be again in October of this year.

John Carlisle, who was President of Bruce International, and then of Family of Bruce International after the old organizations were dissolved and FOBII was created, did a great job in putting the current Bylaws together back in 2005. His work is still 95% or more of what is here and I owe him a debt of gratitude for the excellent job he did on this. I hope this summary helps explain the changes to those original Bylaws that have been approved by the Board and are being proposed to the General membership. Again, the changes are primarily in the realm of reorganization, making them a little more internally consistent, and cutting out some redundant language. There are some changes that the Board has considered necessary since the current Bylaws were passed, that are explained above. If you have any questions about them, please feel free to contact me.

Don Bruce –
Vice President, Family of Bruce International



An updated version of the proposed By-Laws can be viewed on the Members Only page on the Family of Bruce International website. You must be a current member of FOBI to access this page.

All members can request a user id and password for the Members Only page by using the following procedure:

1. On your computer, type in <http://familyofbruce.org/memform.htm> in the url. The following page will be displayed...



2. Fill out the form above and submit it.
3. The webmaster, Thomas Bruce, will process your request and send you an email with your approved userid/password.

The Members Only page can be accessed through the Family of Bruce International website, www.familyofbruce.org or through www.familyofbruce.org/membersonly/.

Genealogy – Thomas Bruce

Currently, members requesting assistance with queries and questions are helped as needed. Consideration is being made for space to be made available on the Members Only page of the website for member pedigrees.

More information is needed from members who are interested in having their information out on the website, and the members to add their own pedigree whether in gedcom format or upload a family sheet. Please provide feedback of your interest in this effort to Thomas Bruce at email address Thomas@familyofbruce.org so he may assess the scope of the project.

Membership Committee – Polly Bruce Tilford

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

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(ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND WELCOMES IN SCOTS GAELIC)

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Thank you to all members for your support!!!!

The Deadline for input to the NEXT ISSUE IS November 1, 2010!!

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

Thank you to all who submitted input and family stories. We certainly have had some wonderful biographies in many of our newsletter editions. Please keep these stories coming!!



Merchandise for Sale

Family of Bruce International offers several products for sale. The proceeds are used to fund activities of the Family of Bruce International. Most of these products are described on the FOBI website:

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

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

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DVD -

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

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

BOOKS -

Duncan Bruce is a well-known author on Scottish events and people. Mr. Bruce is Lord Elgin's Personal Representative in the United States. Books by Duncan A. Bruce include:

The Scottish 100 - Portraits of History's Most Influential Scots. Signed copy - \$19.00 (\$17 + \$2 shipping)

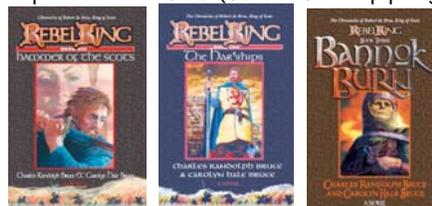
The Great Scot - a novel of Robert the Bruce, Scotland's Legendary Warrior King. Signed copy - \$27.00 (\$25 + \$2 shipping)

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www.rebelking.com

Hardback - \$31 (\$29 + \$2 shipping)
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SHIRTS -

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

Black 700th Anniversary T-shirt with the Bannockburn King Robert statue. Sizes Large, XL, and 2XL - \$18.00 (\$15 + \$3 shipping)

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

MISCELLANEOUS -

Family of Bruce - 3" Tartan Badge

We have Been - We are - We Shall Be

Included with a new membership/ \$3.00 each for non-members/\$2.00 for existing members

Family of Bruce Note Cards & Bookmark - with Bruce Modern Tartan



Cards \$2.75 each with matching envelopes - Heather (shown), Thistle, Scottie Dog Christmas Cards - Piper (shown), Angel, & Bell

Bookmarks - \$3.50 each



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Family of Bruce International is a non-profit organization established to create and promote kinship amongst its family members and to encourage interest in the Family of Bruce and its history. Membership is open to persons interested in their Scottish heritage and especially those who qualify by surname, by descent, or by recognized septs: Carlisle, Carruthers, Crosby,, Randolph, and Stenhouse. It is the only such organization recognized by the hereditary chief of the Name of Bruce, The Right Honorable the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine.

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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The Aurora Borealis, also known as the Northern Lights, is a phenomenon in the sky during periods of high solar activity. Now through 2012, solar activity and sun spots will be very active and spectacular lights are expected usually during the autumn and cold clear winter months.

This light phenomenon is commonly seen in Northern Scotland as pictured above.

Above photos from www.smeter.net/aurora/1-21-05-jim-henderson.php