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The new Family of Bruce
International website
has been available since its
implementation
in November 2019!

 YAY
HOORAY!
..... our shiny
NEW SITE
IS LIVE!

right this way

www.familyofbruceinternational.org

Content is continually added!

- Photos from 2005 through 2019!
- 2020 games calendar!
- History

Future additions!

- Past Blue Lion issues
- Blue Lion Table of Contents (2006 – 2019)
- Selection to renew dues via Pay Pal

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DEAR FAMILY —

Last year, when my wife and I visited Canada on vacation, we came to realize just how far the Family of Bruce extends. We were on a tour of the Governor General's house in Ottawa. Little did we know, but James Bruce, the 8th Earl of Elgin, was Governor General under Queen Victoria from 1847-1854! It was so amazing to see a fellow Bruce's name listed amongst the royal leaders of Canada. But more than that, Rachel and I were interested to hear that this Lord Elgin was the first Governor General to encourage self-governance in Canada.

Our tour guide that day was a college student who was amazed to know that not only are we proud Bruces, but also that we know the current, 11th Earl of Elgin, who, as you know, is our family's Chief. So wherever you travel this year, look out for awesome Bruce connections!

I am your guest writer for this month for this message since our president, Don Bruce, is recovering from a recent surgery. Our prayers go out to him for a speedy recovery!

As you may know, the board has been very busy lately. Last year's work on the new website is finished and now we are looking to other ways to communicate with members about all that we do. I hope you have had a chance to look around <https://www.familyofbruceinternational.org/> and explore the amount of history presented there. If you have any suggestions or games photos to share, please e-mail them to familyofbruceinternational@gmail.com.

As winter ends and we get ready for spring, game season is about to start. We have many hosts planning events across the nation. If you have never visited games, I would suggest you head out to your local games. Rachel and I visited 5 games last year in Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. Each of the games that we visited had its own unique atmosphere and layout. We enjoyed catching up with Bruces in a variety of settings, including a race track, a winery, and an old Scottish church. Our games hosts do an outstanding job displaying items at their tents and sharing the history of the family while being inviting to visitors from all around.

I hope everyone had a safe winter. Looking forward to a fun spring! Maybe we'll see you at one of the games.

**YOURS AYE,
ROBERT BRUCE, VICE-PRESIDENT**



Rideau Hall – the official residence of the Governor General of Canada



Armorial Shields featured at Rideau Hall



MARCH –

SE Florida Scottish Festival and
Highland Games
Plantation Heritage Park
Plantation, Florida
March 7
Host – Debra Gunn
<https://sassf.org/Festival>

MAY –

Finger Lakes Celtic Festival
4925 Collett Road, Farmington, NY
May, 16
Host: Chip Compton
New York Commissioner
<http://www.flceltic.org/>

Glasgow Highland Games – tentative for
Bruce tent
Barren River Lake State Resort Park
1149 State Park Road, Lucas KY 42156
May 29, 30, and 31
Host: Joseph Ryan Bruce
<https://www.glasgowhighlandgames.com/>

JUNE –

Allegany County Celtic Festival
Fireman’s Park – Cuba, NY
June 6
Host: Chip Compton
New York Commissioner
<http://www.alleganycountyceltic.com/>

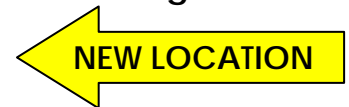
Genesee Country Village &
Museum Celtic Faire
1410 Flint Hill Road, Mumford, NY
June 13
Host: Chip Compton
New York Commissioner
<https://www.gcv.org/events/celtic-faire/>

Cheyenne Celtic Festival
408 S Lions Park Dr,
Cheyenne, Wyoming
June 13 – 14
Host – Robert Bruce
Colorado Commissioner
Facebook – Cheyenne Celtic Festival

Cumberland Valley Scottish Games
Shippensburg, PA
June 13 – first year being held
Host: Stephen M. Cobaugh
Pennsylvania Commissioner
<https://cvscotsgame.org/>



Ohio Scottish Games and Celtic
Festival
Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
19201 E Bagley Rd Middleburg Hts.
Ohio
June 26 – 27
Host – Kenneth Swank
<https://www.ohioscottishgames.com/>



Celtic Fling & Highland Games
PA Renaissance Faire Grounds
Manheim, PA
June 27 – 28
Host: Stephen M. Cobaugh
<http://www.parenfaire.com/celtic.html>

JULY –

Elizabeth Celtic Festival
Casey Jones Park,
Elizabeth Colorado
July 18 – 19
Host – Robert Bruce
Colorado Commissioner
<https://www.elizabethcelticfest.org/>



AUGUST –

Colorado Scottish Festival
Citizens Park
5420 W. 24th Ave
Edgewater, CO.
August 1 – 2
Host – Robert Bruce
Colorado Commissioner
<https://www.ifea.com/events/2020/colorado-scottish-festival>

Hadi Highland Games
Evansville, Indiana
August – date to be confirmed
Host – Joseph Ryan Bruce
<https://www.visitevansville.com/events/08-17-2019/2019-swin-hadi-highland-games>

Monterey Scottish Games
Monterey Fair Grounds
Monterey, CA
August 1 – 2
Host: Joel Bruce
California Commissioner
<http://www.montereyscotgames.com/>

Central NY Scottish Games
Longbranch Park – Liverpool, NY
August 8
Host: Chip Compton
New York Commissioner
<https://cnyscottishgames.org/>

Jamestown Regional Celtic Fest
Mayville Lakeside Park, Mayville, NY
August 21 – 22
Host: Chip Compton
New York Commissioner
<http://www.96thhighlanders.com/festival/Festival.html>

SEPTEMBER –

155th Scottish Highland Games
Almeida County Fairgrounds
Pleasanton, CA
September 5 – 6
Host: Joel Bruce
California Commissioner
<https://thescottishgames.com/>

Capital District Scottish Games
Altamont Fairgrounds
129 Grand Street, Altamont, NY
September 5 – 6
Host: Chip Compton
New York Commissioner
<https://scotgames.com/>

Covenanter Scottish Festival
Quarryville, PA
September 12
Host: Stephen M. Cobough
Pennsylvania Commissioner
<https://www.covenanterscottishfestival.com/>



Columbus Scottish Festival
Bartholomew County Fairgrounds
Columbus, Indiana
September 12 – 13
Host: Polly Bruce Tilford
<http://scottishfestival.org/>

Oklahoma Scot Fest
Broken Arrow, OK
September 18
Host: MarLo Alexander
Oklahoma Commissioner
<https://okscotfest.com/>



Ligonier Highland Games – tentative
for Bruce tent

Idlewood Park, Ligonier, PA

September 19 – 20

Host: Stephen M. Cobaugh

Pennsylvania Commissioner

<http://www.ligonierhighlandgames.org/>

Niagara Celtic Festival

Niagara County Fairgrounds,

Lockport, NY

September 19 – 20

Host: Chip Compton

New York Commissioner

<http://niagaraceltic.com/>

Flathead Celtic Festival - Tentative

Centennial Farm

563 McMannamy Draw

Kalispell, Montana

Host: William Bruce

Immediate Past FOBI President

<http://flatheadcelticfestival.com/>



Celtic Classic Highland Games &

Festival – tentative for Bruce tent

Bethlehem, PA

September 25 – 27

Host: Stephen M. Cobaugh

Pennsylvania Commissioner

<http://www.celticfest.org/>

Houston Highland Games

Humble Civic Center & Arena

Complex

8233 Will Clayton Pkwy, Humble, Texas

September 26

Host – Vizi Bruce Caldwell

<https://houstonhighlandgames.com/>

OCTOBER –

Stone Mountain Highland Games

Stone Mountain Park, GA

October 17 – 18

Hosts: Deb Bruce Gottlieb, SE Commissioner
and Marty Bruce

<http://www.smhg.org/>

Central Virginia Celtic &

Highland Games

Richmond, VA Raceway Complex

October 24 – 25

Host – Gerald Cousins

Virginia Commissioner

www.vacelticfestival.com

NOVEMBER –

Scots on the Rocks –

Moab Celtic Festival

Moab, Utah

November 6, 7, 8

Host – Robert Bruce

Colorado Commissioner

<https://www.scotsontherocksmoab.org/>

Future Scottish Games & Events

Please consider visiting and supporting Bruce attended games in your area! Volunteers are needed in setting up and taking down as well as greeting attendees! You can contact your games host, FOBI Commissioner, or Operations Officer!

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

THANK YOU!

Contact:

Rodney Bruce, 500 Tussey Fork Rd.,

Greenup, KY 41144

gkints@juno.com



HAPPY BIRTHDAY LORD ELGIN!!
FEBRUARY 17, 2020

The 2019 Family of Bruce International Scholarship is Awarded to Heather Bruce

2019 was the third year the Family of Bruce International awarded FOBI members who applied and met the criteria.

Heather Bruce is the daughter of Robert and Rachel Bruce of Colorado. She is a first year student at the University of San Francisco and was awarded the \$1000 scholarship.

Two other financial awards of \$500 each were granted for impressive goals and achievements. MacKenzie Hafer is the daughter of Thomas Allen Bruce and Jennifer Hafer of Georgia. She is a 4th year student at the University of West Georgia studying Anthropology. Kyle Bruce Crow is the son of Gayle Bruce and the late Brian Crow of California. Kyle is a 2nd year student at the University of Glasgow, Scotland studying Veterinarian Medicine and Surgery.

Congratulations to all!!!

**Scottish Society of Greater
Bloomington, IN
Robert Burns Supper
18 January 2020**

A fun filled evening with 98 in attendance at the Scottish Society of Greater Bloomington Burns Supper. Yes, Rex Bruce made it and had a great time!



FOBI members John Tilford, Polly Bruce Tilford, Rex Bruce, Ivan Lancaster and Linda Bruce Bucklin.

**St. Andrews Society of Minnesota
Annual Burns Supper – January 18**

It was a very cold and windy night, and the Bruces ventured out and were well represented by dear friend Anne Chesin, Kathy Bruce, Megan, Andy, and Shelby. Charley Bruce was taking the photo.



Left – right: Anne Chesin, Kathy, Megan, Andy, and Shelby Bruce

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

**Martha Crosby James
Dec 2019 from Illinois**



Broomhall House in Dunfermline, Scotland is the ancestral home of the Family of Bruce. In addition to being the residence of Lord and Lady Elgin, a portion of the house is also an event centre which generates income to sustain the maintenance of the Broomhall properties. In 2019, Broomhall House hosted over 50 events some of which were featured in 2019 Blue Lion issues.

2020 will continue with events, many of them hosted by Charles, Lord Bruce and other family members in which they share the Family of Bruce's fascinating history and the story of Broomhall House. The exclusive cruise visits to Broomhall House gives guests a very special tour of the wonderful archives and historical objects in the family home which includes the sword of State which belonged to Robert the Bruce.



Lord Bruce welcomed Explore TV's Trevor Cochrane and gave him a glimpse into the family's fascinating history and the story of Broomhall House.

One of the events held in 2019 was the RAF Benevolent Fund fundraiser event at Broomhall. It was an wonderful evening featuring supercars and vintage aircraft which helped raise a fantastic £21,212.00 to support the charity's

essential work. They're already looking forward to this year's event, which will coincide with the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain in September.



Vintage aircraft flies high over Broomhall House

As a lineal descendant of Robert the Bruce, it was Lord Bruce's pleasure to contribute to a new book marking the upcoming 700th anniversary of the Declaration of Arbroath.

"Declaration of Arbroath: The People's History" will see over 40 Scots from all walks of life provide personal reflections on one of the most important events in Scottish history.

Lord Bruce's chapter on the life of his ancestor King Robert is in keeping with his ongoing work at Broomhall House sharing the story of the Bruce family legacy and its connection to the local area.

Read more about this in the

TheCourier.co.uk: <http://bit.ly/TheCourier-Declaration-of-Arbroath>

Excerpt from

<https://www.facebook.com/BroomhallHouse/>



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:

California – David Bruce
Florida - Joshua Bruce
Iowa – Bruce Coonan
Kansas – Karen Robertson
Utah – Steve Smith
Virginia – Kimberly R. Lee

New Life Members:

Canada – Michael Bruce

**2020 Annual Member \$25.00 Fee
Reminder...**

Due –January 1, 2020

Send a check made out to

Family of Bruce International

c/o Polly Bruce Tilford,
5561 Earl Young Rd.,
Bloomington, IN 47408

Or

PayPal –

familyofbruceinternational@gmail.com

THANK YOU!

Blue Lion Update Editor – Deb Bruce Gottlieb

Thank you for the feedback the FOBI Board has received regarding the Blue Lion.

The Blue Lion is an E-mag/newsletter that is published four times a year.

February – 12 pages – with a four page membership roster insert

May – 16 pages

August – 16 pages

November – 16 pages

The Email version is sent out in color and also has an extra article on page 16 in place of a mailing label. The print version is in black/white.

Approximately 60% of FOBI members receive the Blue Lion via email and the FOBI Board so appreciates those who receive it via email!

That leaves 40% to be printed, postage, and mailed. The usual cost for each mailing is \$300 (\$200 for printing and \$100 for postage). That equates to \$1200/year.

The FOBI Board is requesting that those who receive the Blue Lion via paper/mail consider changing to email. We do realize not everyone uses email and if you chose to keep the paper version we do understand and you will continue to receive the Blue Lion in paper/mail.

The \$s saved could be used to fund extra costs for those who host a Bruce tent at Scottish Games and events. FOBI does have a reimbursement policy for basic costs, but many of the games require extra items and many costs are absorbed personally by the host.

Please let Deb Bruce Gottlieb know if you will consider receiving the Blue Lion via email! Your consideration is much appreciated!

Email: deb_gottlieb@bellsouth.net



GIFTS AND MERCHANDISE!!!!

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

Please see our inventory below!!!

Also remember that memberships make great gifts!

www.familyofbruceinternational.org/merchandise/

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

BOOKS –

The Elgins – 1766-1917 – by Sydney Checkland. Period history of the Earls of Elgin, their families, and Broomhall. \$24.00 (\$20 + \$4 shipping)

DVDs –

The 700th Anniversary of The Enthronement of Robert Bruce. The DVD contains footage of the events on Sunday, March 26, 2006. You will hear the incredible music and an upfront view of the church service at St. John’s Kirk, and the Ceremony of Acclaim and events at Scone Palace. The DVD is approx. two hours long. **\$23.00** (\$20.00 + \$3.00 shipping)

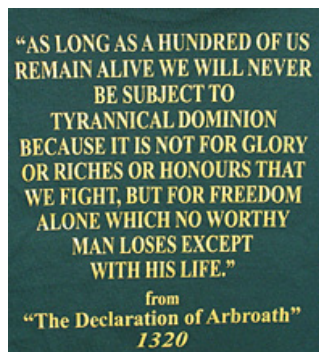
Bruce Family History – DVD version. Family of Bruce Video was produced in 1974 by our Chief, the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine to mark the 700th anniversary of the birth of King Robert I. This is a very fine exposition of the history of our Family, and should be in the collection of every Bruce. **\$23.00** (\$20 + \$3 shipping)

SHIRTS –

Green Bruce T-shirt with quote from the Declaration of Arbroath on the back. Sizes Small to 3XL – **\$19.00** (\$15 + \$4 shipping per shirt)



Front



Back

Robert the Bruce King of Scots T-shirt

T-Shirts with the Robert the Bruce – King of Scots screen printed on the front Black



Sizes – **Youth** Med and Large **\$24.00** (\$20+\$4 shipping per shirt)

Adult Small – XXX-Large **\$26.00** (\$22 + \$4 shipping per shirt)

Family of Bruce International Polo – with Crest



Polo shirt in White, Black, or Gray.

Men’s Polo is button down

Specify Mens or Womens

Adult – Med, Large, XL, 2XL **\$30.00** (\$25 + \$5 shipping per shirt)

OTHER ITEMS –

Tote Bag – **\$21.00** (\$18 +\$3 shipping)



Natural Color

Bruce Badges/Pin –



\$8.00

(\$5 + \$3 shipping per badge)

Family of Bruce International USA – Merchandise Order Form

Name:

Address:

ITEM	QTY	SIZE (if applicable)	COLOR (if applicable)	PRICE EACH	SHIPPING EACH	TOTAL EACH ITEM
Green Arbroath T Shirt		Sizes available S – M – L – XL – XXL – XXXL Please separately list quantity and sizes	Green	\$15.00	\$4.00 ea.	
Robert the Bruce King of Scots T-shirt		Sizes available: Adult Small – Medium – Large – XL – XX-Large – XXX-Large Youth Med and Large	Black	Adult - \$22.00 Youth – \$20.00	\$4.00 ea.	
Family of Bruce International Polo shirt with Crest		Men – button down Specify Men or Women Adult – Medium, Large, XL, 2XL	White, Black Gray	\$25.00	\$5.00 ea.	
Tote Bag		n/a	Natural	\$18.00	\$3.00	
Books						
The Elgins 1766 – 1917		n/a	n/a	\$20.00	\$4.00	
DVDs Bruce Family History		n/a	n/a	\$20.00 DVD	\$3.00	
700 th Anniversary of the Enthronement of Robert Bruce		n/a	n/a	\$20.00	\$3.00	
Bruce Badge/Pin New Rectangle		n/a		\$ 5.00	\$3.00	

TOTAL \$ AMOUNT INCLUDING SHIPPING \$.00

Please send an email to pollytilford@comcast.net to ensure the items desired are still available

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

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

OR

PayPal (familyofbruceinternational@gmail.com)

OR

Via the website at www.familyofbruceinternational.org/merchandise/



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The Right Honorable the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, KT, LLD, DLitt, DL, JP
Broomhall, Dunfermline, Scotland

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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.

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

CREST*: A lion statant with tail extended Azure, armed and langued Gules.

ARMS*: Or, a saltire and chief Gules, on a canton Argent a lion rampant Azure.

MOTTO: *FUIMUS* – We have been.

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



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THE DECLARATION OF ARBROATH – 6 APRIL 1320 AD

The Declaration was probably drawn up by Bernard, Abbot of Arbroath. It was authenticated by seals, as documents at that time were not signed. Only 19 seals now remain of what might have been 50 originally, and many are in poor condition.

The document in National Records of Scotland is the "file copy" of the Declaration: the only version to survive in its original form. It was kept with the rest of the national records in Edinburgh Castle until the seventeenth century. When work was being done on the castle, the Declaration was taken for safekeeping to Tynninghame, the home of the official in charge of the records. While there it suffered damage through damp and it returned to the custody of the Deputy Clerk Register (the predecessor of the [Keeper of the Records of Scotland](#)) in 1829. The Conservation Staff at the NRS monitors the Declaration to ensure it survives for many centuries to come.



<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/learning/features/the-declaration-of-arbroath>

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