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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

THE HONOURABLE ALEXANDER LESLIE, CHIEF OF THE CLAN LESLIE



It is the time of year when the wind whistles, blows snowflakes across Scottish hills, when fires are lit and a glass of malt is an excellent way of keeping warm.

A gust of wind measuring 165 miles per hour has just been recorded in the Highlands and my favourite, 150 year old beech, tree has just been blown over and is lying across the driveway. The lights are flickering ominously and the electricity is in danger of going out. The ceiling is leaking in the sitting room. The smoke from the fire I tried to light has forced me to retreat into the office, which is knee deep in dogs – seven of them, not all mine.

To keep warm I have taken the bottle of whisky with me. The dogs are cheap dates, so I am confident I will have the bottle to myself.

It reminds me of that other windy day in the middle of July. The Harlaw Commemoration was a definite highlight of what some people call summer in Scotland. It was a great effort from start to finish and made possible only by the generosity and

support of Leslies from around the world. The campaign, brain child of North American Commissioner William Leslie, has been discussed within the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs and is being used as an example of how clan societies might address the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The campaign has been presented as a case study to senior figures in the Scottish government.

The huge success of Harlaw should not overshadow the continued commitment of Leslies up and down the US, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Scotland itself. You have flown the flag, in many cases literally, for the Leslie Clan and I thank you on behalf of the clan.

It has been a tremendous year and we can look forward to the Leslie Gathering next year in New Hampshire, the smaller commemoration of the battle of Flodden in Scotland in 2013 and the next year of 'Homecoming' in 2014, the 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn.

Ah, I feel warmer already.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to Leslies everywhere!

Best wishes

Alex

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



Christmas, a time of great joy for most of us, and a time to share the joy with family and friends. It is also a time to look back at the old year, and forward to the new year. This has been a very productive year for our Society.

The largest project in the history of our Society was raising an impressive sum of money for the new Leslie's Cross, as part of the commemoration of the 600th anniversary of the Battle of Harlaw, and to honor the Leslie's who died there. The entire event was well planned and skillfully executed. We honored the City of Mississauga, Ontario, with a plaque for their restoration of the Leslie Log House. The Chapel of the Garioch has been named the Clan Leslie Chapel of Northeast Scotland. Our Convenors and tent hosts sponsored a large number of CLSI tents at Scottish Festivals this year. Lastly, I am very grateful for the many generous donations to

our Society, in spite of unfavorable economic conditions in most areas of the world.

At this time of year, please keep in mind those who are in a less fortunate situation than ourselves. I wish blessings on you and your families this Christmas. Best wishes for much joy and happiness in the new year! A Merry Christmas to all!

**David Leslie White, Chieftain**

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## THE FREENS O REID HARLAW AND ST. ANDREW'S DAY PARADE, INVERURIE, NOVEMBER 27, 2011



David Leslie from Leslie, acting Chairperson and Albert Thomson, acting Secretary of the Freens o Reid Harlaw.

More Freens.





David and Leslie at the St Andrew's Day Parade

The St. Andrew's Day Parade was held on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, the closest weekend to the 30<sup>th</sup> November. It was the 4<sup>th</sup> Parade to be held in Inverurie and has involved local groups as part of the Remembrance of St. Andrew, Scotland's Patron Saint. The Parade was led by a composite Pipe Band made up of members of the Inverurie, Kemnay and Kintore Pipe Bands.

This year's event was to recognise the 600<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Harlaw and The Freens o Reid Harlaw, an embryonic group which is just in the process of being formed, was asked to provide a contingent of Clan members to march at the head of the Parade along with a couple of re-enactment groups who were to be dressed in the battle attire of the early 15<sup>th</sup> century.

David Leslie from Leslie, as acting Chairperson and Albert Thomson, as acting Secretary, of the Freens decided that this was a golden opportunity to

bring the new society to the attention of the public and potentially attract new members. We managed to round up 14 people who had already expressed a wish to join the Freens and considering the short notice we felt this was a sufficient number to join the Parade. Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> turned out to be very cold with a biting north wind blowing. The Parade assembled with the Pipe Band in front, followed by the re-enactment groups, then the Freens followed by about 250 people from the various local groups.

All 14 of the Freens were dressed in their various tartans and carried flags, either the Scottish Saltire or flags of their own Clan.

Led by the Pipe Band we processed down the main street in Inverurie, round the war memorial in the square and stopped in front of the Town Hall, where the Pipe Band formed a circle and entertained the considerable number of spectators with pipe music. In all about 300 people marched in the Parade.

Along with the Parade there were stalls from various groups located in the square, various other vendors and live music played during the rest of the afternoon. Later, when it started to become dark, about 4pm, there was a fireworks display which was a fitting finale to the day.

The afternoon was a great success and the Freens made many useful contacts for the future along with a number of potential new members.



More Freens o Reid Harlaw

David Leslie from Leslie

**NEW**

**STANDING COUNCIL OF CLAN CHIEFS, THREE FEATHERS NEWSLETTER**

The Standing Council of Clan Chiefs has initiated a newsletter and our own Clan Chief; the Honourable Alexander Leslie is the editor and is also Head of Communications for the Standing Council. Please have a look at the recent edition and bookmark the address so that you can keep up with the actions and discussions of the Clan Chiefs. It is a great newsletter with links to much information on the Scottish Clans. Read it and send Chief Alex your comments.

<http://www.clan chiefs.org/news/three-feathers-newsletter/>

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## THE LESLIES FROM ACTON, ONTARIO VISIT SCOTLAND



**Warthill House**

This past May, my wife Marguerite and I boarded a plane in Toronto and set off on a wonderful trip to Scotland, Northern England and Northern Wales. We arrived in Glasgow on the morning of May 18 and after picking up our rental car, we headed out for our first destination, a B&B at Ballachulish in Glencoe. That was the beginning of a very enjoyable holiday and driving tour, around countless round-a-bouts and along many miles of single track roads.

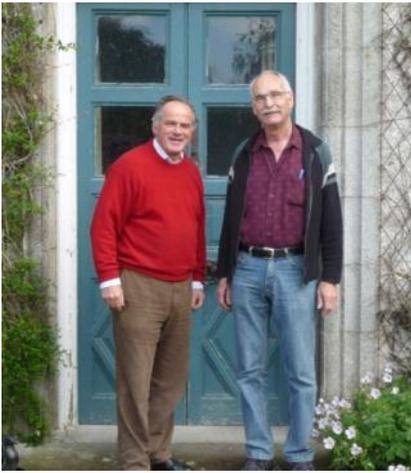
Prior to leaving and while researching the B&B's that we would stay at, we discovered Warthill and decided that it would be a special treat to stay at a Scottish castle, especially one owned by Leslies. Our first contact was with Candy Leslie via e-mail and we arranged to stay for three nights.



**Marguerite and Candy**

I have a fairly good knowledge of my family history dating back to 1832 when my great great great grandfather, John Leslie arrived at Glen Williams, Ontario, and I had some knowledge of family history in Scotland from various writings of my kin, descendants of John. However, we were to learn a great deal more before our trip was over.

Our first face to face meeting with the Leslies of Warthill was when we were zeroing in on our destination. We came upon Sebastian, out on the property, working hard to clear fallen trees blown down by a fierce windstorm that had just passed through. "Welcome kinsmen!" were his first words as he extended his hand in a warm and gracious handshake. In some way, it felt like we were returning home after a long absence. Sebastian sent us on our way to their home, following not far behind in his vehicle. After passing fields of grazing cattle and many ancient trees lining the driveway, we arrived at the grand old home.



**Sebastian and Robert**

Both Candy and Sebastian made us feel very welcome in their home. After being shown to our room, we went to the library where a fire had been set for us in the hearth. Sebastian, who is a very busy man, sat with us for a while. After pouring Scotch whisky, served to each of us in a goblet made from a cattle horn, he talked about Leslie family history, showing us some of the large amount that he has in his library. We were given a tour of the majestic old great hall, walls filled with portraits of past generations. We were shown one of the treasures of the Leslie family, a very beautiful and artistically drawn family tree, showing the lineage of the various branches and starting with Bartholomew in 1066.

During our stay, Candy and Sebastian told us of various sites we should visit, the Battle of Harlaw monument, the Chapel of the Garioch, the ruins of the castle of Balquhain.

We managed to find them all. I even took advantage of the Scottish rule of the "right to roam", and crossed a farmer's field to stand on the ancient and massive remains of Balquhain.

During our visit, we learned more of the Clan Leslie Society International, the various newsletters of the society and the upcoming clan gathering in July. Perhaps if we had been more aware of the society, we would have planned our trip to be there for that celebration. We are sorry we did not get to see the new Leslie's Cross. It is truly a work of art and a wonderful tribute to our ancestors.

After spending ten more days in Britain, we returned to Glasgow for the trip home. I am now a member of the society and we very much look forward to the monthly newsletters. They are very well done. Thank you to all who put so much work into them.



**Marguerite in the Dining Room**



**One of the Old Trees Lining the Driveway to Warhill**

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**IN MEMORIAM**

Henry "Hank" Leslie, 50 of Madison, died suddenly following knee surgery, on October 19, 2011. Hank was the son of Donald and Marian Leslie. He was born on January 10, 1961 in Tampa, FL. and a graduate of the University of Georgia. Hank was married to Mary Allen on October 11, 1997. They lived in Alpharetta before moving to Madison. Hank was employed with Edwards Life Sciences. He enjoyed outdoor activities, especially horseback riding and hiking. He was also involved in several pet rescue organizations. Hank is survived by his wife, Mary Leslie as well as his parents, Donald and Marian Leslie of Alpharetta, GA. He also has a sister, Susan Leslie Vaughn. A memorial service was held at Sandy Creek Baptist Church. He was a former member of Clan Leslie Society.

**2014 HOMECOMING GATHERING, STIRLING**

There will be an International Clan Gathering in Stirling in early July 2014 as part of the 2nd Year of Homecoming. This will coincide with the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn. Lord Jamie Sempill has confirmed plans for this event in July 2014.

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## **SATURDAY MAY 05, 2012 LESLIEVILLE TORONTO- LESLIE GATHERING AND HISTORICAL OUTING**

The Maple Cottage is in the heart of Leslieville in Toronto. It is a small house owned by the City of Toronto with tables and chairs, a small kitchen and a beautiful garden that is maintained by the Leslieville Community. Within easy walking of the Maple Cottage are the Leslie Post Office/General Store; Leslie Grove Park, Queen Street East Presbyterian Church (founded by Robert and George Leslie and others), the site of the Leslie Nurseries, some of the remaining street trees planted by George Leslie, Caroline Avenue (after Caroline Davis, George Leslie's first wife), the site of the Orange Hall, the Duke of York Tavern, Leslie Street, and Maple Leaf Forever Park and back to Maple Cottage and the Maple Leaf Forever Tree.

Joanne Doucette has lived in Leslieville for many years and has researched George Leslie and his family very thoroughly, written a book on his history of "Pigs, Flowers and Bricks: a history of Leslieville to 1920", and is an active member of the community. A copy of this book has been donated by her to the Clan Leslie Library at the University of Guelph. Joanne has brought to light the fact that George Leslie was a Scots who strongly influenced the progress of the Town of York and the later City of Toronto, the largest city in Canada. Joanne's enthusiasm for George Leslie's history and for preserving everything Leslie in Leslieville is contagious. Read her letter to me below, I have never heard any Leslie praise Leslies as much as this. She should be made an honorary Leslie.

**William Leslie**

### **Letter to William Leslie, December 8, 2011.**

You know, William, I am so proud to have been associated with George Leslie. The more a researcher digs and turns over stones, the more bad things are usually found. But the more I turn over the stones in George Leslie's life, the more gold I found. He really is someone to be proud of. He probably wasn't an easy man, as he had a reputation for doing things his way, but he was a kind jovial soul too and above all honourable. The older I get the more I respect that word "honourable". It is a word like "truthful" and "decent" that is rarely used in the media now. Yet the more I learn, the more I know that it was people like George and his brother Robert and the values they lived by that made this a country worth living in. Before 9-11, these sentiments might have seemed Pollyannaish, but we have sent young men and women off to Afghanistan to die for those very values. It gives me great delight personally to educate people about the Leslies and people like them. George Leslie's father fought at Waterloo. His Leslie brother joined the US Cavalry to fight against slavery in the Civil War. He was badly wounded and spent much of the rest of his life in a veterans' home. A grandson of George Leslie led the Mountie contingent in France in World War One. He became Commissioner of the RCMP. A great grandson was a fighter pilot shot down and killed over France. Well, I guess I don't have to sell you on the bravery and decency of these Leslies and others too. You know more than I.

**Joanne Doucette**

### **THE PLAN FOR THE MAY 5<sup>th</sup> LESLIE GATHERING IN LESLIEVILLE**

A Saturday event with a pot luck lunch at the Maple Cottage is planned as a no cost or low cost event where we can share some Leslie history and tour some historical Leslie sites. There is a small rental fee for the Cottage and we may want to provide coffee and tea, so we might have to ask for a fee to cover these. The Maple Cottage can hold only 30 people, so if we get an indication that the number will be larger than that, we might have to move to a larger place in the area. **Please let me know now, if you will be able to attend.**

#### **SCHEDULE**

9:30 – Everyone arrives and signs in.

10:00 - Joanne Doucette- A Power Point show about George Leslie.

11:30 - William Leslie, Commissioner, Clan Leslie, North America – Origin of the Family of Leslie and the Clan Leslie. The Clan Leslie Society International.

12:30 – Lunch- Pot Luck- Coffee and Tea provided in the Cottage.

1:30 – Tour of Leslieville. Within easy walking of the Maple Cottage are the Leslie Post Office/General Store; Leslie Grove Park, Queen Street East Presbyterian Church (founded by Robert and George Leslie and others), the site of the Leslie Nurseries, some of the remaining street trees planted by George Leslie, Caroline Avenue (after Caroline Davis, George Leslie's first wife), the site of the Orange Hall, the Duke of York Tavern, Leslie Street, and Maple Leaf Forever Park and back to Maple Cottage and the Maple Leaf Forever Tree.

2:30 – Meet and greet and questions

4:00 – Leave for home

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## OUR NEWEST CLSI MEMBER

One of our newest members is Alice Leslie Park of Midland, Texas. Her daughter, Susan Eiteljorg, of Boerne, Texas, bought Alice the membership. Did I mention that Alice is 101 years old? Susan reports that Alice is in good health, still drives her car, plays bridge and goes to parties. And she is very proud of her Leslie heritage. A big welcome to Alice, and thanks to Susan for the thoughtful gift of membership in the CLSI.

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## NEW CONVENOR MOUNTAIN REGION

I am very pleased to announce that I have appointed Jordan Hinckley as the Convenor for the Mountain Region. This position has been vacant for several years; the previous Convenor was Rosemary Murray.

Jordan is a relatively new member, and shows much enthusiasm for the position. He lives in Salt Lake City, Utah, and among his hobbies are martial arts and genealogy. Jordan already has his Leslie kilt, and he plans to be married in it next year. He plans to host a CLSI tent at the Utah Scottish Festival & Highland Games at Lehi, Utah next June. If you have any extra things that could be used for this tent, I'm sure Jordan would appreciate them.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALEC KLIEFORTH

May I suggest that each of us send a Christmas card and a birthday card to Alexander Leslie Klieforth. We owe much to Alexander for his tremendous contributions to the Clan Leslie Society. Not only did he conceive of this Society, he made it happen. He also wrote the book, *Grip Fast: The Leslies in History* which is now the main source of our family history. Alec will be 93 on his birthday, December 31. His wife, Gloria, who was the first editor of the Grip Fast Journal, is his primary care giver.

Their address is:

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## WILD WINDS IN SCOTLAND

Chief Alexander Leslie sent this slideshow of some of the damage from strong winds in Scotland. When a wind turbine blows up you know it's getting breezy.....see the last picture in this slideshow: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-16094360>

Alex

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## ELECTION OF CLSI OFFICERS

Since there were no nominations for this election other than those incumbents who chose to run for re-election, an election was deemed unnecessary. All nominees are considered elected by acclamation.

The Council has approved this process and confirmed that the persons are elected for the terms indicated. The results are as follows:

Chieftain: David Leslie White, 2 years

Treasurer: Linda Flowers, 2 years

Secretary/Registrar: Christine Johnson, 2 years

Council

Robert (Bob) Bailey, 4 years

Samantha Leslie Gray, 4 years

Timothy W. Leslie, 4 years

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## NEW THIS YEAR – LESLIE CHRISTMAS CARDS

These cards have been selling well but there are still a few left. See details of how to order below on page 11.

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## NEW CONVENOR APPOINTED FOR THE MOUNTAIN REGION, USA

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David Leslie White, Chieftain

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## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM DAVID AND LESLIE

Christmas 2011.

The Coach House,  
Leslie Castle,  
Leslie, By Inch,  
Aberdeenshire, AB52 6NX.

Dear Clan Members,

**Leslie and I** would like to extend to you and your families the seasons greetings and hope that 2012 will be a good year for all of us.

**Leslie** continues to make excellent progress. At both 6 monthly check-ups this year everything was fine and hopefully her next appointment in 2012 will be her last one. Leslie continues to help our daughter Angela with various renovation jobs at the property in Inch. Currently Leslie and Angela are painting their way round the house.

**Fortunately** this year I have had no major health scares and apart from having to go on to a daily gout tablet I'm fine.

**In** late May early June, with all the preparations for the July Dedication Service virtually completed, Leslie and I returned to our bolt hole in Tenerife for a couple of weeks to relax and charge up our batteries. The sun seems to shine so little in Scotland these days that it is pleasant to wake up each morning with the sun shining and feel the warmth of its rays.

I mentioned in last year's news letter about the Battle of Harlaw Memorial and Dedication Service in July. The generosity of Leslies and some members of the public made the raising of the necessary funds to erect the new 'Leslie's Cross' much easier to accomplish than I thought possible and I would like to thank all who contributed and helped me with the organisation. The event went extremely well with some 150 people attending the Dedication Service among them about 70 Leslies from all over the world. The Dinner on the Sunday night at Warhill House and the 4 day tour event following the Service also proved to be a great success with all those present having an opportunity to really get to know one another. The weather was also reasonable kind to us.

**For** the first time we sponsored a Leslie Tent at the Aboyne Games at the beginning of August which was a great success despite the shortage of Leslies, probably due to the Clan Leslie activities in July. I would like to thank Brian and Petra Lesslie for their help and assistance during the day. We will be sponsoring a Leslie Tent again at the Aboyne Games next year. The first Saturday in August.

**This** year we swapped our first week of time share at Craigendarroch, Ballater with our daughter Yvonne, to avoid our grand-daughter Rebecca losing any time off school, she is reaching that age when she will be sitting important exams. We will use their time share week at the same resort in late January 2012.

**Both** our daughter's families the Russell and Doughty families are doing well and thriving. **During** our second week in November, Leslie and I again crashed out and even one day never got out of our gymjams and dressing gowns, finding out how it felt to be couch potatoes.

**As** Christmas approaches Leslie comes into her own, as she really enjoys all the activities surrounding that festive period. She generally starts putting up the decorations and trees during the last weekend in November so that she can see them for as long as possible. We are looking forward to spending time with our family during the festivities.

**We** both wish you and your kin a Merry, Joyous Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous New Year.

**With warmest regards,**

**David and Leslie**

## NEW BOOKS, JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

Forwarded for your information. This is NOT an endorsement.

However, I thought that some of you might be interested in the two new books on St. Margaret of Scotland. If not, perhaps the Haggis recipe book might be of interest?

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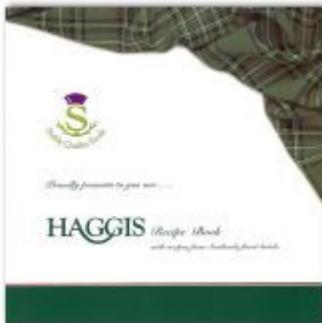
Robert and Candace Leslie of Bryan Texas visited Scotland this fall. Candace is a well-published author of many articles on Scotland. Her latest article is titled "Glasgow's Tobacco Lords" and is in the Winter 2011 issue of *Scottish Life*.



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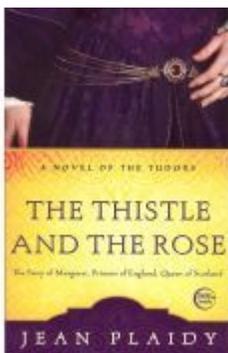
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### ***New Books, Just in Time for Christmas!***



#### **Haggis Recipe Book**

This is not your ordinary haggis cookbook (is *any* haggis cookbook ordinary?). It's not big, but it has 33 pages of gourmet haggis recipes developed by Executive Chefs of Scotland's top 10 hotels.



#### **The Story of Margaret, Princess of England, Queen of Scotland - The Thistle and the Rose**

When King James is struck down by the armies of Henry VIII, Margaret's Princess of England, but Queen of Scotland, finds herself torn between loyalty to the land and family of her birth and to that of her baby son, now King of the Scots. She decides to remain in Scotland and carve out her own destiny.



### [Queen Hereafter - A novel of Margaret of Scotland \(the first Margaret\)](#)

Refugee, Queen, Saint. In eleventh-century Scotland, a young woman strives to fulfil her destiny despite the risks. A foreign queen in a strange land, Margaret adapts to life among the Scots, bears princes, and shapes the fierce warrior King Malcolm Canmore into a sophisticated ruler.



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Please contact us if you have any questions or comments. Just reply to this message and your comments will be e-mailed directly to us.

Thanks!

Joseph & Lorie Croft

## NEW THIS YEAR – LESLIE CHRISTMAS CARDS



This year, Clan Leslie Society International is pleased to offer a beautiful set of 10 Christmas cards for your holiday mailings. These cards are printed on matte card stock with a linen finish and are available either with the verse pictured below, or blank. The cards feature a snow-covered Leslie Castle, photographed by Leslie Leslie, atop Leslie Hunting Modern tartan. The cards come with 10 envelopes and are \$14.00, postage paid.

To purchase, contact Linda Flowers at [lflowers1954@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lflowers1954@sbcglobal.net) 405-381-3577 302 SW 3rd St., Tuttle, OK 73089 Payment methods: Cash, Check drawn in US funds on US bank, International Postal Money Order, PayPal

([lflowers1954@yahoo.com](mailto:lflowers1954@yahoo.com)), credit card--Visa, MasterCard, and Discover. I will need CC#, expiration date, Name on card, CVS code on back. Orders will be shipped from our quartermaster, Pete Leslie, when payment is received.

Verse Inside Card. Blank Cards Available

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## JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS, A SPECIAL SALE ON THE LESLIE HISTORY BOOK

Again this year, we are offering a special Christmas price for the book *Grip Fast: The Leslies in History* by Alexander Leslie Klieforth. This book is an excellent source of Leslie history and is autographed by our Clan Chief, The Honorable Alexander Leslie. The special price is \$59 which includes shipping.

**The special runs from November 1-December 15.**

This book will be an excellent gift for your Leslie relatives! We accept PayPal (use [lflowers1954@yahoo.com](mailto:lflowers1954@yahoo.com) as the PayPal address), check in \$US funds drawn on a US bank, money order, International Postal Money Order, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover. If you pay by credit card, I need the card type, name on card, card number, expiration date, and 3 digit CVS code on the back. To order a book, contact me and when payment is received our quartermaster will ship you the book. Christmas is approaching so take advantage of this special. Linda Flowers, 302 SW 3rd St., Tuttle, OK 73089, 405-381-3577, [lflowjingo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lflowjingo@sbcglobal.net)

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## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2012 CLAN LESLIE GATHERING - SEPTEMBER 21, 22 AND 23, 2012



New Hampshire Highland Games; Loon Mountain Ski Resort; Lincoln, New Hampshire

Hello Leslies! I am pleased to announce the dates for the next Clan Leslie Gathering in the beautiful White Mountain region of New Hampshire on September 21, 22 and 23, 2012. I am excited to be hosting the event in conjunction with the New Hampshire Highland Games, one of North America's largest Scottish festivals. Stay tuned for the next issue of the Grip Fast for more details regarding prices and host hotels as I am in the middle of working out all of the details.

I can tell you that if you've never visited New England or the White Mountain region, then you're in for a real treat. You will definitely want to make the Clan Leslie Gathering part of a larger New England vacation, if possible, as September is a gorgeous time to visit our region and there is no shortage of things to do. And, the weather is perfect for wearing all of your Leslie Tartan at the festival. In the meantime, visit some of the websites I've provided below to start getting a picture of the festival, area and surroundings. I look forward to seeing everyone next September!

New Hampshire Highland Games - <http://www.nhscot.org/>

Loon Mountain Ski Resort - <http://www.loonmtn.com/>

Franconia Notch State Park - <http://www.nhstateparks.org/explore/state-parks/franconia-notch-state-park.aspx>

Lincoln/Woodstock, NH - <http://www.lincolnwoodstock.com/>

Boston, MA - <http://www.boston.com/travel/boston/>

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## CLAN LESLIE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL – SCHOLARSHIPS

CLSI is offering scholarships to our members. We have two different types of scholarships. One is an academic scholarship valued at \$250. The deadline for the next scholarship is November 30 with the award of one scholarship being made on January 15. The second type of scholarship is for Scottish or Celtic Programs. The amount of this scholarship is \$200 and can be applied for any time. It will cover things such as bagpiping camp, dance, the arts, etc. The person applying for all scholarships must be a member or inceptor member of CLSI. For more information contact:

Linda Flowers, CLSI Scholarship Committee, [lflowjingo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lflowjingo@sbcglobal.net)

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## NEXT PUBLICATIONS TO MEMBERS

January 2012 – *Grip Fast, the Journal of the Clan Leslie Society International.*

February 2012 – *The Grip Fast Online Newsletter.*

March 2012 – *The Grip Fast Online Newsletter.*

April 2012 – *The Grip Fast, the Journal of the Clan Leslie Society International*

May 2012 – *The Grip Fast Online Newsletter.*

Please continue to send us your stories. We are recording **your history** and we cannot do it without your input. Send us stories and pictures of your Scottish ancestors or your North American family; we really need them. Note the number of different clan members who have contributed to this issue.

The *Griffin* will be published when we have enough stories to warrant a printing. We do need *Griffin* stories. These are usually well researched stories which include references and sources preferably illustrated with some photographs.

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## CLAN LESLIE ITEMS FROM THE QUARTERMASTER

### PETER M. LESLIE, QUARTERMASTER, CLSI

Clan Leslie items for sale are listed on our clan website, [www.clanlesliesociety.org](http://www.clanlesliesociety.org). Click on the Leslie Badges, Crests and Flags link. The list of items includes a description, price, and photo along with how to order. All prices are in \$US and include postage and packaging. The Clan Leslie items now available for sale are listed below.

- 1) Grip Fast - The Leslies in History, a beautifully hardbound book, detailing the Leslie clan from its inception (290 pages), authored by Alexander Leslie Klieforth and signed by our Clan Chief, The Honourable Alexander Leslie. Price \$66.00 (**\$59 for Christmas**)
- 2) Post Cards-Two styles. One style contains King Malcolm's promise to Bartolf and the origination of our clan name; and the other style provides open space for your personal notes. Please specify which style you prefer. \$5.00 for a package of 25 post cards.
- 3) Grip Fast Pin -- \$3.00
- 4) Grip Fast Patch -- \$3.00

The post cards were developed by Laura Messing and can be used by members to tell family and friends of upcoming Scottish events, to recruit prospective CLSI members and to help increase interest in all events Scottish. Also, a **free** packet of "giveaway" postcards is available for those Convenors/Tent Hosts who host a CLSI tent.

Payment should be made to Linda Flowers, CLSI Treasurer,  
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## MEMBERS OVER 85 YEARS OF AGE

Did you know that if you have been a member of Clan Leslie Society International for at least 10 years and reach the age of 85, the CLSI will continue your membership without further payment of annual dues?

**Contact Linda Flowers**

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