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The Honourable Alexander Leslie, Chief of Clan Leslie

2013



It has been a fascinating and full year. Next year will be even more so.

The highlight of this year was the Flodden Service in St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh that commemorated the 500th anniversary of the Battle of Flodden – Scotland's greatest disaster that changed the shape of Scotland for generations. Among the dead was the 3rd Earl of Rothes.

The good news is that we raised over £20,000 for two deserving charities, Combat Stress and Erskine who are supporting Scottish soldiers to this day.

I am now based in Edinburgh and was made Vice Convenor of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs in October.

Next year will see whether Scotland will vote for Independence. It is also the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn – a rather different outcome to that of Flodden – and both seem tied together. There is some political posturing to come, I fear. Already the Bannockburn celebrations are in danger of being de-railed by Unionists deciding to have the Armed Forces Day the same week, and in Stirling. Being the turn of the Navy, Stirling, which is as far from the sea as you can get in Scotland, is an interesting choice and one can only read political motives into the move.

Meanwhile, sitting between two interesting years lies Christmas. I wish you all happiness, good health and good cheer over the festive season – and beyond.

Merry Christmas

Alex Leslie

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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David Leslie White, Chieftain, Clan Leslie Society International

The 1718 Project



For those of you who are doing your family history research that include Scots from Northern Ireland, you might find valuable information on a new website. The so-called “Scotch Irish,” or “Scots Irish” or perhaps more accurately the Ulster Scots, were people of Scottish descent whose ancestors had moved

to northern Ireland during the reign of King James VI of Scotland who became King James I of England in 1603. King James believed that the Irish farmers were not using the land as efficiently and productively as Scottish farmers. He confiscated most of what was named Ulster, gave the land to various London labor unions (guilds) with instructions to rent the land to Scots at a low rent rate. This resulted in thousands of Scots migrating to Ulster. And it is not a long trip. You can actually see Scotland across the North Channel from County Londonderry (a.k.a. Derry) and County Antrim. The Scots who did make the trip were those who were willing to move for an opportunity to improve their situation and were not risk-adverse. Most brought their Protestant faith with them.

Alas, various political and economic changes made Ulster less desirable. After the first land rent agreements expired, the London unions raised the rent sharply. The English who

had first promised freedom of religion added requirements that all residents had to pay taxes to the Church of England, and later even required that you be a member of the Church of England in order to hold any government job. After several famines, the first big wave of immigration from Northern Ireland to what is now the United States commenced in 1718. Hundreds of thousands of Scotch Irish left Ireland. Again, these people tended to be the boldest, willing to take risks, and evidenced a high degree of self-reliance. Many of the first settlements of these people were in the Carolinas. In what is now the United States, these immigrants were sometimes referred to as the “people with no name,” as they weren’t exactly Scottish any more, nor had they become Roman Catholic like the native Irish. There is even a book by that title, *The People With No Name* by Patrick Griffin, published by the Princeton University Press, 2001.

There is a plan now to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the beginning of this mass migration of Scotch Irish to what is now the United States. People in Northern Ireland have put together a website which provides interesting reading and many resources to aid in your search for your Scotch Irish ancestors. Currently there is no corresponding American organization to promote the idea of a celebration of commemoration in 2018 of the 300th anniversary of the first major wave of Scotch Irish immigrants in 1718. However, several organizations are considering support of this commemoration. The website is www.1718migration.org.uk/

(With thanks to Glen Rountree, Editor of *The Patriot*, Fall, 2013)

In the July/August issue of *The Highlander*, there was an article that addressed the grave sites of King Malcolm III Canmore and his queen, Margaret of Scotland. Several miracles at St. Margaret’s tomb at Dunfermline Abby in Fife were critical to her canonization and her becoming St. Margaret. The article and perhaps other sources implied that both King Malcolm and St. Margaret were still buried in Dunfermline Abby. An article titled “St. Margaret of Scotland Correction” was published on page 69 of the November/December issue of *The Highlander*. Neill Ray, the Editor/Publisher has granted us permission to reprint this article.

“The feature article on Dunfermline Abbey in our July/August issue indicated that St. Margaret of Scotland and her husband, King Malcolm III, are buried at the abbey. Although the miracles at Margaret’s tomb at Dunfermline brought her canonization in 1249, her body, along with her husband’s, was removed to the Escorial in Madrid [Spain] during the Scottish Reformation. Her head, which had its own shrine, was acquired by the Jesuits of Douai Abbey [France]. Both the heads and the bodies have been lost over time, but the grave of St. Margaret may still be seen outside the church at Dunfermline.”

St. Margaret died November 16, 1092. Her Feast Day is November 16th.



A Chance to Participate in Leslie History

Every member of the Clan Leslie has the opportunity to participate in the long history of the Chapel of the Garioch (pronounced gerrie) which has Leslie history going back to Bartholomew.

Bartholomew married Beatrix, the King's sister in 1070 and thus the family and Clan of Leslie was founded. Bartholomew was granted lands at Leslie in the district of the Garioch, near Aberdeen, originally known as the lands of Lesslyn.

From the Historical Records of the Family of Leslie:

- 1067- Bartholomew came to Scotland with Margaret, her mother, brother and sister.
- 1070 - Bartholomew married Beatrix, daughter of King Duncan and sister of reigning King Malcolm III.
- 1165 - Bartholomew's son Malcolm received the Charter for lands in Aberdeenshire.
- 1224 - Norman, son of Malcolm received Charter,.
- 1245 - Norino, son of Norman received Charter.
- 1282 - Sir Norman, son of Norino received the Charter, the first to include the family name of Leslie. He also received the Charter for Fythkill (Fife). Sir Norman sat in the parliament of King Robert the Bruce.
- 1314 - Sir Andrew married Mary Abernathy and got Ballenbreich and Cairney. This brought the Abernathy and Cairney families into the Leslie Family. Sir Andrew signed the Declaration of Arbroath.
- 1340 - One of Sir Andrew's four sons, George, was given the Barony of Balquhain, which included considerable lands in Aberdeenshire.

Bartholomew's son Malcolm was knighted by King David and had the Leslie lands confirmed to him by royal charter, the oldest personal land charter in Aberdeenshire. Malcolm's grandson, Sir Norman, was the first to have the family name recorded in a charter. He was one of the magnates of Scotland who sat in the parliament called by King Robert the Bruce in 1314. Sir Norman's son Andrew, the 6th Lord Leslie, was one of the great barons of Scotland who in 1320 signed the Declaration of Arbroath.

The district of the Garioch was made an earldom by Malcolm IV., in favour of his brother David, Earl of Huntington, about 1160.

David was succeeded by his son John, Earl of Huntington, in 1219, and he died without children in 1237, when the earldom of the Garioch fell to his sister Isabel, wife of Robert Bruce, third Lord of Annandale, who was succeeded by her son Robert.

When Christian Bruce, sister of King Robert, married one of his strongest supporters the King gave her as a dowry the Lordship of the Garioch. Around 1350 Christian founded and endowed the Chapel of our Lady of the Garioch on the heights of Drumduro so that masses might be said for the souls of the Founder, her brother and her husband. So began the Chapel of the Garioch.

In 1420 after Sir Andrew Leslie, 3rd Baron of Balquhain was killed at Braco, Alexander Ogilvie, Sheriff of Forfar granted an annuity from lands in Banff and Forfar for a chaplain to perform divine services in the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Garioch for the soul of Sir Andrew Leslie, Knight. At the time, donations of this type were usually for daily mass to be said, in perpetuity, for the soul of the deceased.

By 1500, through endowments gifted by the Mar and Leslie families, five other priests were attached to this small but Royal Chapel. Mary, Queen of Scots, during her stay at Balquhain Castle in September 1562, attended mass in the Chapel.

The chapel which gives the village its name was built as a private place of worship, but was created a regular chapel in 1195 by the Bishop of Lindores. The chapel survived the Reformation and became a parish church of the Reformed Faith in 1583. It was replaced in 1813 with the present church.

On the 600th anniversary of the Battle of Harlaw, July 24th 2011, the assembled Leslies led by their Chief, the Honourable Alexander Leslie, attended the dedication of the Leslie's Cross at the Chapel of the Garioch. On that day, the Congregation of the Chapel added to the name of this historic Chapel, the name of the Leslie Chapel of North East Scotland. The Leslie's Cross remembers the Leslies, including the sons of Sir Andrew and many other Leslies who fought and died close by in 1411. The Cross was erected with funds generously provided by members of Clan Leslie all over the world.

Chapel of Garioch Church

The Chapel of the Garioch was a private Chapel in the Parish of Logie-Durno which had its church at Old Logie. This Church was in existence in 1151 and until 1583 was a parish Church; traces of the walls are still visible.

In 1583 it became the Church of the Parish of Logie-Durno. In 1599 the Presbytery decreed that the small Parish of Fetternear, long vacant, should be united with Logie-Durno and a new Church built for the joint Parish at the site of the Chapel of the Garioch. The walls of the old Chapel disappeared, but it gave its name to the new Church, called simply, 'The Chapel', and through the Church to the new Parish. For long it was known as 'The Parish of Logie-Durno, commonly called the 'Chapel of the Garioch' until common usage won out.

The present Church, the same length as the old but almost twice as broad, was opened for worship in 1813. The form was the usual rectangle with narrow sides east and west; four pointed windows in the south wall with the pulpit between the two centre lights and around three sides a gallery entered from an external stair. In its latter days the walls were elaborately stencilled in various colours while the ceiling, painted blue, was spangled with gold stars.

In 1922 it was extensively renovated by the Congregation. The back gallery was removed and a Chancel with a window of five lights was built out from the north wall. Pulpit and prayer desk, organ and Chancel furnishings were memorial gifts of the Pitodrie and Crowmallie families. In 1931 the Woman's Guild donated stained glass for the window and while the Church was being redecorated in spring 1959 a Memorial Mosaic Plaque was inserted in the Chancel wall. Chapel is an extremely interesting example of what can be done with the usual heritage building of 1750-1850 and today it is one of the most beautiful country churches.

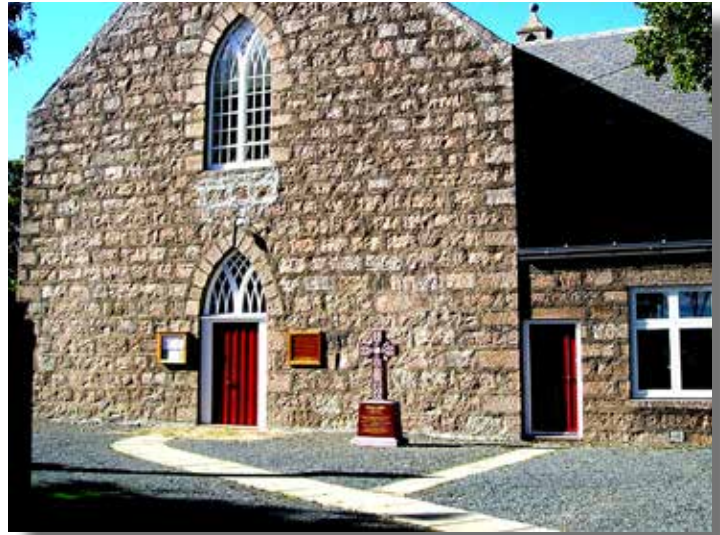
The Parish of Blairdaff and Chapel of Garioch

The Parish of Blairdaff and chapel of Garioch extends from Inch in the north to Monymusk in the south and includes two churches, Chapel of Garioch in the foothills of Bennachie and Blairdaff to the south. The Parish includes the villages of Chapel of Garioch, Logie Durno, Whiteford, Pitcaple and the tiny village of Blairdaff.

The Reverend Brian Dobby is the present minister and welcomes all visitors, especially Leslies.

YOU CAN ADD YOUR NAME TO THE BENEFACTORS OF THIS HISTORICAL LESLIE CHURCH

It is clear that the Chapel of the Garioch Church has been a part of Leslie history since the land in Aberdeenshire was granted by King Malcolm III to Bartholomew; it has had royal ownership by the families of Malcolm IV, and Robert the



Bruce. Mary Queen of Scots prayed there and Leslie Barons over the centuries have worshipped there. It is clearly a living part of Leslie, Abernathy and Carney history and well worth our support.

The Clan Leslie Society with the approval of the Congregation has decided to fund a beautiful baptismal font in memory of the founders of the Society, the Right Honourable Ian Leslie, 21st Earl of Rothes, and Alexander Leslie Klieforth, LLD, our first Commissioner and Chieftain. You could add your name to those who have already donated to this new artefact to grace the interior of this historic Leslie church and have it recorded for all history. This chapel is one of the places you should not miss if you go to Scotland to visit any Leslie sites and you could show your children and grandchildren the beautiful font that you helped to acquire in memory of two famous Leslies. See this issue for detailed information on how to contribute to this wonderful Leslie project.

References

Colonel Charles Leslie, Historical records of the Family of Leslie, 1869.

The Chapel of the Garioch, web site:
<http://www.blairdaffandchapelofgariochchurch.org.uk/>

38th CASSOC Annual General Assembly Meeting

As the CLSI delegate to The Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada, I attended their meeting on Nov. 24th, at the North York Central Library in Toronto.

At the meeting, I reported on some of the CLSI council achievements of this year, as well as noting that David Leslie White completes his term as Chieftain and that Tom Leslie Huxtable will take hold of the reins in January.

The meeting was very well organized, and in spite of the fact that elections of directors and approval of new by-laws to comply with current Canadian Charitable Organization requirements had to be fit in, it ended a little more than two hours after the 2 p.m. start.

This past summer, CASSOC secretary, Jo Ann Tuskin represented the organization at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. CASSOC is reaching out to develop closer ties with its American counterpart, The Council of Scottish Clans and Associations (COSCA).

Dr. Ruth Jones reported on the progress of a Bannockburn celebration that will be held on July 21st, 2014 in Toronto. The event is growing into a major gathering with seminars planned for the afternoon and a concert with many performers in the evening. I will pass on the complete details as they become available.

Robert Leslie, Acton, ON

CLSI Delegate to CASSOC

Membership Dues Now Due

Members owing 2013 membership dues should have received an invoice by email or mail in the middle of July.

Dues are now due. Please pay your dues as soon as you can. Dues can be paid by check, money order, PayPal, Visa, MasterCard or Discover card. If paying by check or money order, please mail to Linda Flowers CLSI Treasurer, 302 SW 3rd St. Tuttle, OK 73089. If paying by PayPal, use the PayPal email address LFLOWERS1954@YAHOO.COM. If paying by credit card, I need the card type, name on the card, card number, expiration date, and security code on the back of the card. If you have questions, please contact me at LFLOWJINGO@SBCGLOBAL.NET or 405-381-3577.

ELECTION OF CLSI OFFICERS

Since there was only one nomination in each category for this election, an election was deemed unnecessary. Both nominees were 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: Tom Huxtable, 2 years

Treasurer: Linda Flowers, 2 years

All three changes to the bylaws were approved.

CLSI Tents at Scottish Events

52nd ANNUAL SCOTTISH GATHERINGS & HIGHLAND GAMES SALADO, TEXAS NOVEMBER 8-10, 2013

The 52nd Gathering of the Scottish Clans & Highland Games in Salado TX returned to the Civic Center and CLSI was there! The weather was nice for the second weekend in November in Texas with a slight overcast during Saturday and Sunday and temperatures in the 70's during the day. CLSI participated in the Friday night Calling of the Clans ceremony on the historic College Hill Ruins with a social following in the Hall of Clans room in the Central Texas Area Museum. Saturday saw several visitors to the CLSI tent and Lynne & I participated in the opening parade. The Tattoo was held starting at 5:30 PM on the College Hill Ruins but we were not able to attend it as we were host and hostess for the Tartan Ball held in the Stagecoach Inn Restaurant. We were asked to be host and hostess as we are life members of the Central Texas Area Museum, which conducts the annual Gathering in Salado. Sunday was another nice day without any hint of rain. All in all, another fine Gathering was attended b CLSI!



Your Aye,

Frank & Lynne Leslie



CLSI Chieftain David Leslie White with tent hosts Frank and Lynne Leslie.

CLSI Tents at Scottish Events

SCOTFEST TULSA, OKLAHOMA SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2013

Linda Flowers and family and Tom Huxtable hosted a Clan Leslie Society International tent at ScotFest in Tulsa, Oklahoma September 13-15. We had a member, Melesia Leslie Rhodes and her husband Bruce, who traveled from Arma, Kansas to attend. It was great meeting them. They marched in the Calling of the Clans parade with us. The weather was beautiful, a little warm but a nice breeze helped keep us cool. There wasn't much activity at the clan tents because we were isolated from the rest of the festival. The represented clans wrote up suggestions for clan tents to give to the organizers. Hopefully, we will be in a better spot next year.



Tom Huxtable, Bruce Rhodes, Melesia Leslie Rhodes, McKenzie, Linda, Tanner, Dakota, Danielle, and Adam Flowers.

**GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES
AUGUST 9, 2013**



Lewis and Christine Johnson hosted the CLSI tent at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and greeted many visitors interested in learning about their Leslie history. Friday and Saturday the weather was great with very pleasant temperatures. However, on Sunday everyone was greeted with torrents of rain and gusty wind that had all of the clan tents packed up and gone by 11 in the morning.

Five people, all interested in tracing their Leslie family tree joined CLSI. Christine was very busy helping these members identify a place to start in their search for long-lost relatives. Lew was busy talking to visitors about traveling Scotland.

A woman came to the tent and told Christine that she was researching her Leslie ancestor who came from Pennsylvania via Ireland. As the woman shared her

information it became apparent to Chris, who has been working on the same family, that the woman is a direct relative of our own CLSI treasurer, Linda Flowers!

Don and Janice Abernathy hosted the CLSI hospitality tent which provided front-row seating for our visiting and new members to view all of the activities on the field. Their tent provided a welcome place to rest, have a cool drink and chat with other CLSI members.

The Abernathy's daughter Elizabeth, grand-daughter Mary (now a member of CLSI) and son-in-law Shawn were on hand to assist in the tent and enjoy the events. The family had a wonderful time in the mountains of North Carolina and look forward to next year's Biennial Gathering at GMHG.

Lew Johnson

**Join us at the
Grandfather Mountain Highland Games
for the 2014 CLSI Biennial Gathering!
Details coming soon!**

Chaplain's Corner

Samantha Gray, Chaplain, CLSI



As noted in a long-ago Chaplain's Corner, celebrating Christmas in Scotland was forbidden by the early Kirk and Calvinist influences until the mid-20th century. December 25th was just another day to go to work or to the usual Sabbath service at Kirk if it fell on a Sunday. In a virulently anti-Roman Catholic environment, anything that hinted of festivity was considered 'Popery' and therefore banned. As such, Scotland had no ability to develop "traditional" Scottish customs for the holiday and had to borrow from elsewhere.

Recently I was discussing with friends what we all do for the holidays. One of my long-time pals from a large and loving Italian family recounted the Seven Fishes suppers her "Nona" made for them every Christmas Eve. A friend from a Polish background recounted something similar. Another friend who grew up with an American dad and a mom from the Philippines told us how her family spent Christmas. I spoke about the celebrations having distinct regional flavors in both my New York mother's family and my Virginian dad's folk. Then I was asked

"So how do you celebrate now?"

As most of you already know from reading my column, my husband is Jewish, and so I told my friends "Every year in our house, the menorah burns down the Christmas tree!" We had a good laugh over it, and then I replied more seriously "I would say we celebrate with Light." It's a theme that runs throughout so many festivals and holy days occurring in the winter season. Our Celtic and Viking ancestors saw the Light and Dark seasons as a balance, neither one better nor worse than the other, each coming in it's turn and then surrendering it's place in the appropriate time. The Green Oak King defeated the Crimson Holly King in combat on the Summer Solstice, and reigned over the year until the Holly King again assumed supremacy by battle on the Winter Solstice. The rolling year brought balance even as it continually changed.

By contrast, revealed religions, specifically Christianity, Judaism and Islam, were each profoundly influenced by the ancient Zoroastrian faith of their geographic origin, and focused instead on the inherited concept of constant battle between the "good" Light and the "evil" Dark, which promised that Light would eventually prevail. Is it any wonder that Christmas trees and Christmas lights are bright in December, and the menorah's nine candles shine out in homes at the darkest time of the year? Symbols reach into the depths our hearts, even though we may be unaware of them. A five year old child hears the story of the Maccabees and the Miracle of the eight nights of oil that should only have lasted for one evening. Or the child may hear about a special Baby born in a stable who would teach great love and compassion, and tell His followers that they must be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. The five year old cannot understand the implications beyond the fascinating story, but knows that the candles on the menorah are special and the lights and glowing star on top of the tree are special, and these symbols are indelibly printed on the child's mind and soul so he or she may perceive the wonder of a greater Light in adulthood. All that stands for goodness, family, true friends, compassion, mercy and Love in our own hearts and minds are what we turn to as we celebrate those precious and fragile values; they are the symbols of what we hold most dear and find most comforting in the deepest days of Winter before the Light returns and days lengthen again after the Solstice.

So how do we celebrate? By reviving each year the things that bring back feelings of love, trust and comfort, and by passing these on to our own children. Scottish? Filipino? Southern? That which we enjoy as our particular cultural heritage links us to our ancestry, but in the end It matters not, save that we rededicate our spirits to Light, to Love, and to one another. Many, many blessings to all, and wishes for days both warm and sweet, no matter what or how you celebrate this holy time.

Now's the Day and Now's the Hour

They gave so much. Will you give something too? The founders of our Society have given each of us so much. Just think of the rich history in *Grip Fast: The Leslies in History*, the countless articles in the *Grip Fast* newsletters, the 17 issues of *The Griffin*, the re-edited history in four volumes of *The Griffin Reprints*. Ian Leslie and Alexander Leslie Klieforth started with nothing but a vision of a society that would bring together hundreds of Leslies, Abernathys, Laings, Cairneys, Moores and Bartholomews in kinship, to research, write and publish hundreds of articles by and about our ancestors and Scotland. To record the scattering of our kin across the globe in the Scottish diaspora. And to bring together volunteers to perform the vital functions of a society. We have an obligation to preserve and protect the vision of our founders.

Both of these distinguished men are deceased now. It is time for us to honor their memory and their gifts to all of us. The Council has approved, and with the approval of the board of the Chapel of the Garioch, the commissioning of an oak baptismal font with the name of our founders on a plaque on the side of this font. As Ian and Alexander brought new life to our Society, the font will be used to bring new life into the Church.

The final estimate is in for the oak memorial font to honor the founders of our Society, The Right Honourable Ian Leslie, 21st. Earl of Rothes, Chief of Clan Leslie and Alexander Leslie Klieforth, our first Commissioner and Chieftain. The estimate is about \$3,300 US, depending on the currency exchange rate when the order is placed. So far your generous support has contributed \$1,690 toward this goal. Every donation helps, and we need the support of every member to successfully complete this project. I would like to complete raising the funds for this memorial by December 31, which would be Alexander Leslie Klieforth's birthday.

Your support of the new Leslie's Cross for the Battle of Harlaw Commemoration was outstanding! Our Society raised over \$14,000 as our first major project. Now we need to do it again on a smaller scale with our Memorial Font Fund to purchase a oak baptismal font for the Chapel of the Garioch (Leslie Chapel of North East Scotland) with a plaque on the side honoring the founders of our Society. So please, I am counting on you to donate.

There is, in our Society, a greatness and a tremendous heritage of our past. And because that greatness is still there we need affirm that greatness and honor our founders. Please give your renewed support and join in the effort to honor our founders.

Please send your donations to our treasurer, Linda Flowers, at 302 SW 3rd., Tuttle OK 73089 and mark your check for the "Founders Font Project." You may also pay by PayPal to **LFLOWERS1954@YAOO.COM** or pay by Visa, MasterCard or Discover.

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If you didn't get a chance to purchase your limited edition Clan Leslie 2013 ornament don't fret! We still have some in stock. These ornaments can be displayed year round—not just at Christmas. The first one in the series features the words "Clan Leslie and 2013" on one side and the Clan Leslie crest on the other. Ornaments are \$15 which includes shipping. We are very excited about these ornaments and they will make a wonderful addition to your Clan Leslie collection.



Griffin Reprints (see next page)



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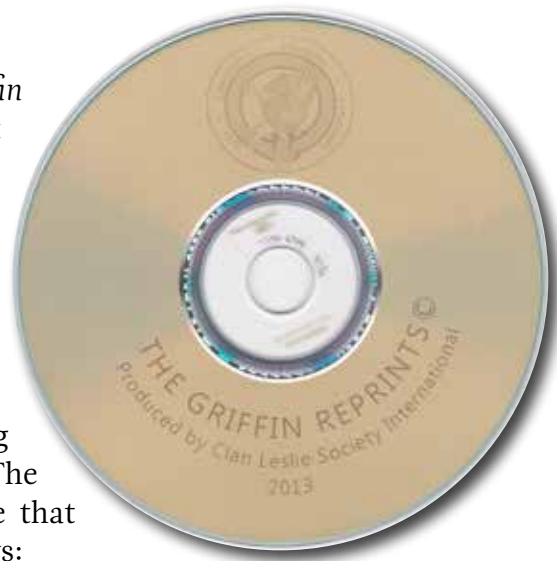
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Credit Cards: Visa, MasterCard, and Discover.

If paying by credit card, please include the card type, card number, name on card, expiration date, and 3 digit security code.

GRIFFIN REPRINTS AVAILABLE

Some of you will remember the four volumes of *The Griffin Reprints* that were published by The Clan Leslie Charitable Trust many years ago. These four volumes contained the best articles from the 17 volumes of *The Griffin*, the historical journal of the Clan Leslie Society, and had been reedited by The Right Honourable Ian Leslie, 21st. Earl of Rothes and Alexander Leslie Klieforth. These reprints were sold by the Clan Leslie Society to the membership for about \$17 each, and they sold out quickly. We have had these four volumes professionally scanned and recorded on a CD. I am exceedingly pleased that we can offer this CD of our history for \$30. The articles are excellent and contain information about Clan Leslie that is not available anywhere else. The index to the contents is as follows:



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Clan Leslie Items From the Quartermaster, Peter M. Leslie

Clan Leslie items for sale are listed on our clan website, 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 autographed by our Clan Chief, The Honourable Alexander Leslie. Price \$66.00
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“Lang May Your Lum Reek”

“Lang may yer lum reek” (“long may your chimney smoke”) is an old birthday greeting, intended to convey the wish that one will live many years to tend one's own hearth. The following CLSI members birthdays fall in the month of December:

1st: Margaret Allan and Samuel Reid; **2nd:** Sharan Eastwood and Brian Lesslie; **3rd:** Matthew Allan; **4th:** Mark Abernathy; **7th:** Duncan Moore and Max White-Vilmouth; **9th:** Beryl Leslie and Robert Leslie; **11th:** Caroline Duling, Christine Johnson, and Dale Young; **12th:** Vicki Dodson; **16th:** Harriet Esham; **25th:** Nathan Carlson; **26th:** Elizabeth Henry and Richard Leslie; **27th:** Petra Lesslie; **28th:** Nena McNeely; **29th:** Russell Lessly; **30th:** Stephen Leslie; **31st:** Troy More.

It is a pleasure to wish each and all a coming personal year of happiness and health.

Samantha Gray, Chaplain, CLSI

NEXT PUBLICATIONS TO MEMBERS

January – Grip Fast Journal

Please continue to send 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.

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. Deadline for articles and photos is the first of each month.

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