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A WORD FROM THE CHIEF.

DECEMBER 1990.



Since my last report to you my fellow members a great deal of effort and support has been given by certain members of our Society. Without their loyal and dedicated support, we the Royal Caledonian Society would certainly have to take a very serious look at our priorities. True, things have improved substantially due to our hall redecorations and our new look approach in many directions. Alas, the lack of members at the functions put on for members and others is not receiving the support it deserves. It costs BIG MONEY to maintain our position at 379 King William Street. We have been in constant consultation with Mr Blevins by writing numerous letters, trying to get a reduction in Land Tax costs, which for the benefit of members who didn't know, went up 100% last year to over \$3,000. It is these on going costs which keep increasing month by month, year by year, that I am appealing to you the members to consider our position and give the Society the support it deserves.

I know exactly what you; my fellow members are saying when you read this report.— I have heard all this before; well I can assure you all, we must keep up our maximum support to keep our heads above water. Certain members of our Society keep delving in their pockets and giving freely of their own time, hoping that all members will rally round and give their support. To those members I give my heartfelt gratitude. I know that we will weather the storm, and trim our sails, to sail on to success, and keep our Scottish Flag flying nevertheless, we need all hands on deck to keep us on an even keel.

I would also like to make mention of our Pipe & Drum Band for their support and their recent achievements at the Band competitions.

"Well done" Band keep up the good work. It is not my practise to make mention of individual members, but, I think all members would agree that Greg Gordon for his paint work on the pillars in the Hall and Stephen Hoyle for his mammoth task with the Mini Band at the Halloween party, are worthy of a mention. My sincere thanks to you both.

SOCIAL REPORT

Hallowe'en 26 Oct, 90 - The Bairns & Adults Hallowe'en Party was reasonably well attended. Mr Bob Crail's 4 piece band provided great music to dance to. The Pipes & Drums of the Society provided an inspiring display which culminated in 4 members Greg Gordon, Bob McGregor, Kym Atwell, and Sam Small providing a performance of the Broad Sword (pictured). Miss J. Ogg and Mr L. Pawson judged the Children's costumes and Chief Bill Paterson and I/P Chief Marion Johnson judged the Adult category. This event although well attended, was not well supported by the Adult members of the Society.



John Martin Pageant Breakfast & Lunch 3 Nov, 90.

At the request of Chief Bill Paterson the Catering Committee provided breakfast and lunch for the visiting Pipe Bands who were to dress and tune up in our Hall. Breakfast consisted of Egg, Bacon, Toast, Pancakes, Tea, Coffee and Orange Juice. Lunch was a Sausage Sizzle consisting of Sausages, Bacon, Onions, Coleslaw, Sauce all on rolls or bread. Mr & Mrs J. Moffatt sold cans of soft drink, fruit boxes, tea and coffee while the pageant march was in progress.

Jeff McFarlane,
Social Director.

NEW MEMBER

Mr Derek Boyd Corporate

We welcome this new member to the Society and look forward to seeing him his family and friends at future functions.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS YET?????? MEMBERSHIP CARDS WILL BE ASKED FOR AT ALL FUTURE EVENTS, SO TO GET THE MEMBER'S PRICE SUBS MUST BE PAID.

BAIRNS' REPORT

The last term for Bairns' Class 1990 commenced on 12th October, 1990 and concluded on Friday 16th November, 1990. Hallowe'en on 26th October was a fun night for all the parents, members, friends and Bairns who attended. How can we forget the performance from our own Pipes & Drums Band and the Dancing display by 4 of the Band members. The Bairns and the Adults got into the "spirit" of the occasion with their fancy dress with prizes awarded for the best costumes. The Bairns also got the adults into the dancing mood when their presentation of Mamie's Jig suddenly turned into a Snowball Dance.

The Bairns' Class also performed at the Life Be In It Festival held at Bonython Park on Sunday 21st October, 1990. Some members of the Bairns Class braved the heat on Saturday 27th October to provide a demonstration of Dancing at the Burnside School Fair which was very well done, considering the conditions (i.e. the weather and the area in which they danced).

The last night of Bairns Class for 1990 started at 7pm with a Sausage Sizzle tea, followed by the Bairns providing a demonstration of their dancing skills and the official part of the evening.

Miss Meghan Siegel who has been attending Bairns Class for the last 2 years, while her parents have been in Australia on a teacher exchange programme, will soon be returning to Canada. Meghan was presented with a souvenir spoon of the Royal Caledonian Society of S.A. Inc. as a memento of her stay in Australia.

The Trophy winners for 1990 are as follows:-

Chief's Trophy - Amanda McLean

Reg Laught Trophy (Encouragement Over 12) - Kate McFarlane

J.K. McLachlan Trophy (Encouragement Under 12) - Michelle Craig

John Ogg Bequest Trophy (Under 10) - Stefanie Kossatz

Congratulations to the winners for their achievements this year.

After the presentations, the Bairns were provided with ice-creams & bags of lollies while the adults enjoyed tea, coffee and a variety of cakes.

Bairns Class will resume in 1991 on Friday 8th February.

The Bairns wish all members a Merry Christmas and a safe, Happy New Year.

Trevor M. Kossatz

Bairns Director.

PENSIONER INCOME ASSESSMENT RULES.

In his August Budget Speech, the Federal Treasurer announced fundamental changes to the Income and Assets Test for the Pension. If the relevant legislation is passed it will not come into effect until 1st March, 1991, so there is plenty of time to seek advice and not make any hasty decisions. The rules don't apply to the first \$2,000 of savings. However, amounts above this will be assessed as if they are earning at least 10% P.A. interest, even if they are earning a lesser interest or no interest at all.

Pensioners are entitled to earn income of \$40 per week (Single) and \$70 per week (Married) without affecting their pension. Pensioners who have fringe benefits eligibility on 21st August, 1990 will not lose their eligibility if they have arranged for more interest on their accounts or have funds assessed at the 10% rule, even if the pension is cancelled completely.

Pensioners with funds in Managed Investments (e.g. Mortgage Trust) that are earning less than 10% are assessed under separate rules that already apply.

Members who are concerned as to how the new rules will affect them have plenty of time to re-arrange their investments and analyse their taxation situation. Members should seek advice from their Bank or financial adviser to obtain the maximum benefit from the new rules. If any members require advice in these matters, I can arrange for a Financial Consultant to discuss how you can make the most out of the new rules.

Please contact the Secretary during Office Hours (10.00AM - 2.00PM Mon, Wed, Fri.) and leave your name and phone number for me to contact you.

Trevor M. Kossatz
Assistant Treasurer.

SAINT ANDREW'S DAY IN RUNDLE MALL

The Society stall will be in Rundle Mall outside the City Centre Arcade Programme for the Day is as follows:-

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| 10.30AM | Opening by Mr Martin Cameron |
| 10.45AM | Scottish Country Dance Display |
| 11.05AM | Highland Dancing Display |
| 11.25AM | Ode to the Haggis |
| 12 Noon | Pack Up |

Everyone is welcome to attend both in the Mall and afterwards at the cafeteria (6th Floor) of the Renaissance Tower where a large table has been booked in the name of the Royal Caledonian Society for lunch.

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FRIDAY 30th November - An invitation is extended to attend our annual St Andrew's Dinner. This will be held in our Hall, 379 King William Street, with sherries from 7.00PM, for 7.30PM. COST \$20 Members, \$25 Non-Members, \$45 per double. Please ring 231 5268 (during office hours) or 255 1438 to reserve tickets & table seating. We will be delighted to see as many of you as possible on this very entertaining evening.

DON'T Forget Rundle Mall in the morning from 10.30AM until 12Noon. - Details previous page.

SATURDAY
15th December - Ceilidh CANCELLED. Pipes & Drum Band Xmas Party.

SATURDAY
22nd December - Sausage Sizzle Tea - Carols - Ceilidh. Admission \$2 per Member \$3 per Non-Member \$1 " Child (Mem) \$2 " Child (Non-Mem) This Admission covers the cost of the programme & use of the carol song book.

Full Sausage Sizzle prices on page 9. (under 19/1/91)

- Sausage Sizzle will be available from 6.00PM until 7.30PM when Carol Singing will begin. A Basket supper (Plate please) will be served at 8.45PM with the ceilidh starting at 9.30PM. Father Xmas will be in attendance during Carols.

MONDAY
31st December - Hogmanay in the Hall. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!!

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SATURDAY
19th January - Ceilidh 6.30PM \$2.00 Admission. Sausage Sizzle tea from 50¢ - 1 Sausage / Bread. Full prices available in Social Programme (page 9).

SUNDAY
27th January - Burns' March

SATURDAY
9th February - St Valentine's Day Dance - supper supplied. Admission \$5 per Adult - \$1.00 per Child.

FRIDAY
22nd February - Half Yearly Meeting - Please bring a plate.

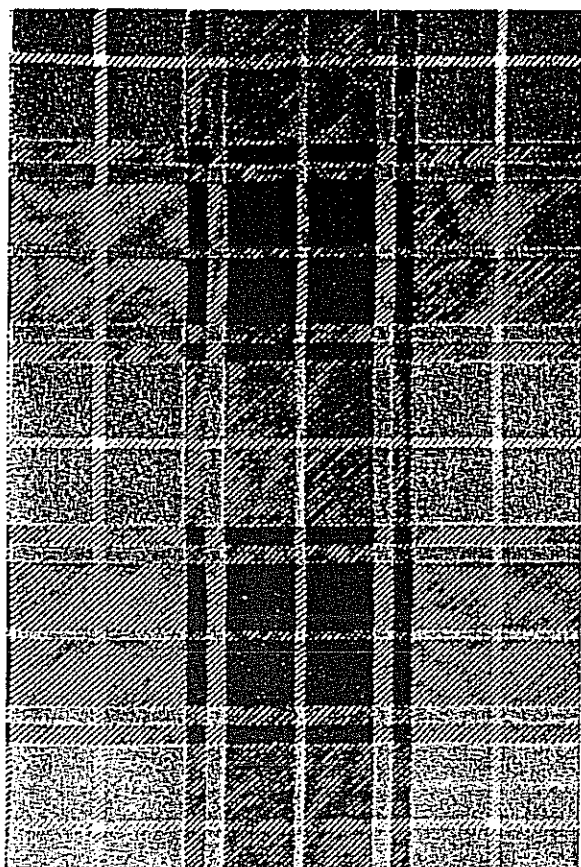
A full list of the 1991 Social Programme is listed on Page 9.

STILL REQUIRED -- GOODS FOR THE XMAS STOCKING RAFFLE. ** DON'T FORGET RAFFLE TICKETS ARE TO BE RETURNED TO EITHER MRS ANNE CALVER OR THE SECRETARY BY THE 15th DECEMBER ,1990. **

*** OFFICE HOURS *** 10.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M. MON, WED, FRIDAY.

LADIES - DID YOU NEVER MAKE YOUR DEBUT & WISH YOU HAD???? WELL, NOW IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY. THE R.C.S. IS HOLDING A LADIES COMING OUT BALL IN APRIL & ARE LOOKING FOR LADIES INTERESTED - ANY AGE, WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THEIR DEBUT!! IF INTERESTED LEAVE YOUR NAME & PHONE NO. WITH THE SECRETARY OR CONTACT MRS ROSELEE KOSSATZ, Ph 250 9673. THE MORE, THE MERRIER. FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE FROM ROSELEE.

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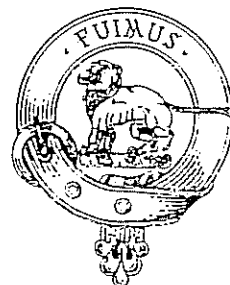
This is another of the designs which first appeared in *Vestiarium Scoticum* and whose origins are obscure. It is unlikely that the pattern is an ancient one, as claimed in that work, and it was probably devised for the occasion.

Two other designs, 'New Bruce' (now Grant) and 'Old Bruce' (now MacColl), were in the shops around 1800 or earlier.

THE NAME is a straightforward Norman one, deriving from Brix, where Adam de Brus built his Château d'Adam in the 11th century. The first de Brus recorded in Britain was Robert, who died about 1094; his son was a companion of David I of Scotland at the English court, receiving for his services the grant of Annandale. He resigned these lands on the outbreak of war with England and fought on the English side. It is recorded that at the Battle of the Standard in 1138 he took prisoner his own second son.

Robert, fourth Lord of Annandale, married a niece of William the Lion, so founding the subsequent claims of his family to the throne of Scotland. The fifth lord was competitor with John Balliol for the throne, but Robert, sixth Lord of Annandale and first Earl of Carrick, in spite of maintaining his claim, fought on the English side at the Battle of Dunbar. It was his son, the famous Robert the Bruce, seventh of Annandale and second of Carrick, who was crowned King in 1306 and carried the claim for Scottish independence to eventual fruition with his victory at Bannockburn in 1314. This was finally acknowledged by the Treaty of Northampton in 1328. Robert I of Scotland died in 1329 and his heart was entrusted to Sir James Douglas, who was to take it to Jerusalem so that it might be buried in the Holy City. However, Douglas was killed fighting against the Moors in Spain and the heart was returned to be buried in the monastery of Melrose.

The Earls of Elgin and, indeed, most of the families of the name, are descended from the Bruces of Clackmannan.



CREST BADGE: A lion rampant with tail extended, azure, armed and langued gules.

MOTTO: Fuimus (We have been).

ORIGIN OF NAME: from French town of Brix.

PLANT BADGE: Rosemary.

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WITH THE FESTIVE SEASON APPROACHING, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK
OUR LOCAL, COUNTRY AND INTERSTATE CLIENTS FOR THEIR PATRONAGE
IN 1990 AND LOOK FORWARD TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO THEM IN 1991.

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THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR YOUR ADVERTISEMENT!!!

THE CHIEF AND THE COUNCIL WISH ALL MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, SAFE, AND PROSPEROUS 1991.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE "CALE" DURING 1991.

