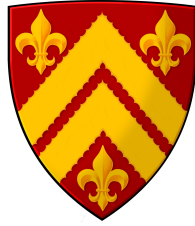




CLAN CARRUTHERS SOCIETY -INTERNATIONAL-

CONFIRMATION OF A CHIEF OF



CARRUTHERS

The **Clan Carruthers Society International** is extremely pleased to announce that Carruthers, after 210 years, has again a recognised Chief.

Dr. Simon Peter Carruthers of Holmains has been recognised as Chief of Clan Carruthers by the Lord Lyon King of Arms, Dr Joseph Morrow, CBE, KStJ, QC, DL, LLD, the arbiter in determining chiefships through the confirmation of the right to bear the hereditary Chiefly Arms of a Scottish clan or family.

In a Decision issued on 19th August 2019 and published on 9th September 2019, the Lord Lyon found Peter; *“entitled to be recognised in the name, style and title of;*

‘Simon Peter Carruthers of Holmains, Chief of the Name and Arms of Carruthers’

and maintained, ratified and confirmed the undifferenced Arms of Carruthers of Holmains c. 1672”.

This Decision followed nearly 20 months of proceedings before the Lord Lyon, including two hearings of the Lyon Court in Edinburgh. The last of which was held on March 2019, at which Dr. S. P. Carruthers was represented by Sir Crispin Agnew of Lochnaw, Bt, QC.

Dr. Carruthers succeeds his fourth great-grandfather, John Carruthers, 12th of Holmains & Kirkwood (died 1809), the last recognised head of the Carruthers family. John 12th was a direct descendant of the first chiefs of Carruthers, dating back to the 13th century.

The Carruthers are an ancient Scottish family from Annandale in the Anglo-Scottish Borders. They were one of the Scottish ‘unruly clans’ named in the 1587 Act of the Scottish Parliament and the Laird of Holmains (Holmends) was one of the chiefs listed. From their origins in Dumfriesshire, Carruthers have spread across the world and are today represented in every continent.



Dr Simon Peter Carruthers (64) (known as Peter) is an agricultural scientist, with further qualifications in management and theology. For many years he was on the staff of the Centre for Agricultural Strategy at the University of Reading. Subsequently he worked in environmental education and rural policy in the public and third sectors. Currently, he is Director of a Christian charity that supports the rural church. He is a co-founder and former Chairman of Farm Crisis Network (now the Farming Community Network) in the UK, is a

member of the Royal Society of Biology and an Honorary Senior Fellow at the University of Worcester.

Peter is quoted as saying; *"The Carruthers are a unique and special family. There are many more of us in Scotland, the UK and around the globe than people realise! And over the centuries we have had many distinguished family members, some known and some unsung, who have served their countries and contributed to human flourishing and the common good. It is therefore a great privilege and a sober responsibility to have inherited the position of Chief of Carruthers and I will do my best to lead and serve the family in our future together."*

Dr George Carruthers, FSA Scot, Convenor of the Clan Carruthers Society International stated: *"Not only is this wonderful news to have Chief recognised and in place, it also means that with the confirmation of our hereditary Chief, Carruthers are no longer an armigerous clan. It may have taken 12 long years of research, hard work and waiting, but we can now take our rightful place alongside the many other Scottish clans with legally accepted chiefs and be recognised in our own right as a 'noble incorporation'".*

"This is a great moment for Carruthers worldwide and more importantly for all of our family who proudly look to Scotland's heritage and culture for their roots and a sense of belonging. The congratulations we have already received from many across the world, both from Carruthers and members and chiefs of other clans, have been humbling and heart warming. These messages of congratulations have been conveyed to our Chief, who hopes that this will help gather the Carruthers together under one banner and further encourage other armigerous clans to persevere in seeking to identify and confirm their Chiefs or Commanders, through the auspices of the Lyon Court".

The Arms of Carruthers of Holmains, which only the Chief can legally bear are: 'Gules, two chevrons engrailed between three fleur-de-lis Or; as seen above. The crest is 'a seraphim volant Proper' and the motto, 'Promptus et fidelis' (ready and faithful).



Dr George Carruthers FSA Scot,
Convenor,
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3, The **Clan Carruthers Society International (CCSI)** was founded in January 2017 and is officially recognised by the Chief of Carruthers as representing the worldwide Carruthers family. It is non-commercial, apolitical and non-partisan and is open to any member of the international Carruthers family and derivatives of that name. The Society is based in the United Kingdom, but is represented by an international Executive Council.

For further details visit the website (clancarrutherssociety.org) or contact the Society's Convenor, Dr George Carruthers, as above.