

# Grip Fast Journal

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## TEN PLACES That All Members of Clan Leslie Should Visit Before They Die

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**1** Tradition has it that the Clan Leslie traces its roots to Bartolf or Bartholomew, a Hungarian nobleman who moved to Scotland in 1067 with Princess Agatha, the mother of Edgar the Atheling, who claimed the throne of England, which William the Conqueror had won at the Battle of Hastings the previous year. Margaret, Edgar's sister, married King Malcolm Canmore III and became Queen of Scotland. Bartholomew was Margaret's chamberlain and won favour with the king, who made him Governor of Edinburgh Castle and granted him lands in Angus, Fife and Meams in Aberdeenshire. Bartholomew married Beatrix, the king's sister, founding the clan.

**2** Bartholomew built his castle at Lesslyn, in the district of the Garloch, in Aberdeenshire. Over time, Lesslyn became Lesley or Leslie, leading to the different spellings of the family name. Bartholomew's son, Malcolm, was knighted by King David II and received a royal charter to confirm his ownership of the Leslie lands. This is the oldest personal land charter in Aberdeenshire. Malcolm served as Constable of the royal castle at Inverurie.

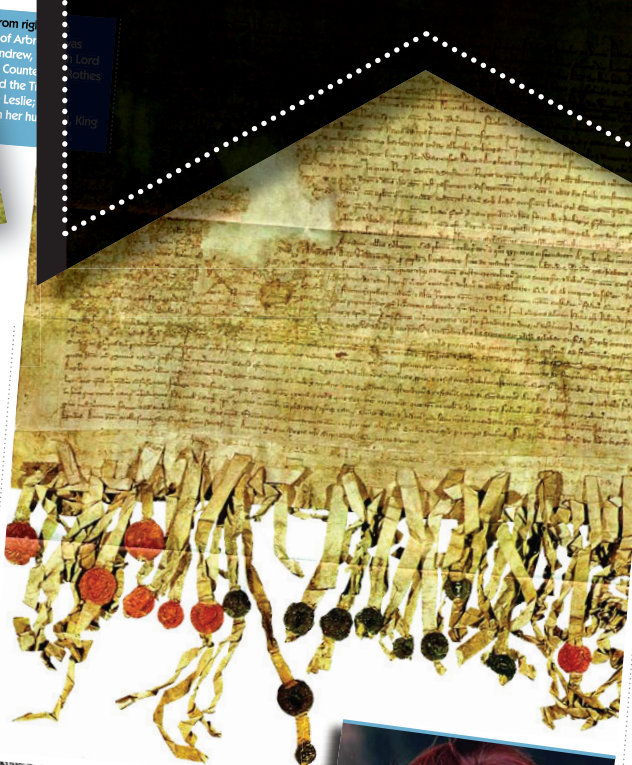
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**3** As the Queen's Chamberlain, Bartholomew carried Margaret on his horse, with the Queen holding on to a belt around his waist. Legend has it that, as they were crossing a burn in spate, his horse stumbled and the Queen cried out 'Will the buckle hold?' Bartholomew replied 'Grip fast' and his horse made it to the other side of the stream. After the incident, Bartholomew had two more buckles added to his belt and the three buckles became the Arms of the Leslies and 'Grip fast' became the clan's motto.

**4** Two of Bartholomew's descendants were involved in two of the most famous events in Scotland's history. Malcolm's grandson, Sir Norman, was Sheriff of Aberdeen and sat in the parliament assembled by King Robert the Bruce in 1314. Sir Norman's son, Andrew, the 6th Lord Leslie, was one of the Scottish barons who sealed the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320, a letter to the Pope in Rome which declared Scotland's independence from England.

**5** Andrew's sons began the spread of Clan Leslie into different branches. The death of Andrew's grandson, David, brought about the end of the original line, but his other sons' families continued, with Walter becoming the Earl of Ross, John becoming the ancestor of the Earls of Rothes, and George becoming the 1st Baron of Balquhain.

**6** Despite being the smaller line of the family, the Rothes line became the senior branch of the family around 1457 when George became the 1st Earl of Rothes. His descendants went on to play roles in key events in Scottish history, with Alexander, the 6th Earl, championing the National Covenant in 1638, which asserted the independence of both the Church of Scotland and the Scottish Parliament. The 7th Earl, also John, was general of the Army of Scotland, served as Lord High Chancellor, and was made a duke by King Charles II.



**7** The Leslies of Balquhain became the larger branch of the family and most of the present-day Leslies trace their ancestry through this line. The Earls of Leven - now Earls of Leven and Melville - trace their descent through this line, as do the Lords Lindores, Lord Newark, Lords Leslie in Russia, Counts Leslie in France and the Holy Roman Empire, and the Leslie branches in Ireland. Many of the Leslie families in the United States trace their ancestry through the Irish branches.

**8** John Leslie, Bishop of the Isles, appears in 1633 to have been the first Leslie to move to Ireland. He became Bishop of Clogher and earned his nickname as the 'fighting bishop' when he defeated Oliver Cromwell's army at the Battle of Raphoe. In honour of his loyalty, King Charles II awarded Bishop John £2,000 following the Restoration of the Monarchy.

**9** Noel, the Countess of Rothes, sailed aboard the Titanic on its maiden voyage in 1912 to meet her husband, Norman Leslie, the 19th Earl of Rothes, in the United States. When the ship hit an iceberg in the North Atlantic, Noel survived the disaster in Lifeboat No 8, the first to be lowered into the water. She was accompanied on the voyage and in the lifeboat by Gladys Cherry, her cousin.

**10** Actress Rose Leslie - who starred as Gwen, one of the maids in Downton Abbey, and as Ygritte in Game of Thrones - was born and grew up at Lickhead Castle in Aberdeenshire, one of Clan Leslie's ancestral seats.



# The Honourable Alexander Leslie, Chief of Clan Leslie

## Who Actually Wants Independence?



September 19th was the last day of our honeymoon. We were in Florence and woke up knowing that we had a day of travel ahead. You might have thought we would have had a last cup of coffee on our terrace overlooking the Duomo or a last wander across the Ponte Vecchio.

Instead, we turned the television on. And as we did so, Alex Salmond admitted that the people of Scotland did not want Independence. We felt physically sick with relief.

Those who voted 'Yes' to Independence might look upon those of us who voted 'No' as traitors or unpatriotic. But not only would they be wrong, they would have missed the point. The argument for Independence was about whether the Scottish Economy was robust enough to deliver a better deal for the people who lived

there (not even those who were born there and are living somewhere else).

Oddly, we still do not really know. Alex Salmond and his team could not and therefore did not answer questions about what would happen to the Scottish currency, the oil, the Health Service or anything else. We were being asked to vote for a leap in the dark. If the Scottish population had voted Yes – and by the time of the vote it was very close – all we would have effectively done would be to give Mr Salmond a mandate to go to Westminster and begin the negotiation for an Independent Scotland. The process would take at least 18 months. Probably much more.

I felt, while I was in North Carolina over the summer, that there had been a huge swing in opinion on the subject in the States. A few years ago, when the argument was about whether we should have our own Parliament there was a great wave of feeling that we should, based largely on patriotism.

But patriotism is like an onion. The species of onion is called loyalty.

Your family is clearly first. Then your friends, your kin, your clan, your country. To me, the country question is split in two. I live in Scotland, my family has its deepest roots in Scotland and Leslies have played a significant role in its history. But I am also British and proud of that too. Scots have fought beside the Welsh and English in many wars. When Scotland is knocked out of some soccer competition (usually pretty early on, if we are honest) my allegiances turn to England or Wales.

As Americans and Canadians I am sure you fully understand. You will go through the same list – and be confronted by the same issue. You are Americans/Canadians, with Scottish roots. Perhaps some would say Scottish with American/Canadian roots. And proud to be so.

Let us hope that this issue will not come up again for at least a generation, it is too unsettling for our economy. In the six months before the vote, not one person came to view the house I am trying to sell. In the three weeks since, four have made appointments to view.

Alex

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Get moving! This issue features 10 places for all members of Clan Leslie to see before they die.



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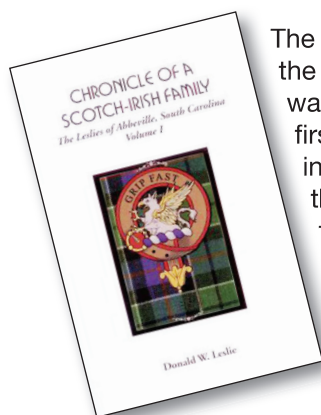


## Congratulations!

Alexander Leslie, Chief of Clan Leslie, and Miranda Grant were wed on September 12, 2014. Clan Leslie Society International wishes them much happiness!

## Chronicle of a Scotch-Irish Family: The Leslies of Abbeville, South Carolina Volume I by Donald W. Leslie

This is a chronicle of a family of Scotch-Irish descent who were an integral part in the settlement and establishment of the small South Carolina community of Abbeville. They were not the first family to arrive in the area and were not to be the most famous nor of the highest social caliber, but their contributions are important and lasting. The family to be chronicled in this narrative is one whose surname has been spelled in various ways, including Lesslie, Lessley, Lesly, Lesley and Leslie.



The author, Donald W. Leslie, has spent many years researching the beginnings of his family name. The surname Leslie was found to first appear around the 1200's! This is his first book and he hopes that a "younger" Leslie might be inspired to one day write Volume II to continue recording the history of their genealogy. To purchase a copy of this 161 page paperback containing over 100 photos and extensive genealogy sheets of descendants of Thomas and Jane Lesslie, contact Mr. Leslie via email [claymore@wctel.net](mailto:claymore@wctel.net).

## Malt Musings by David Leslie White

The Spring 2013 issue of *Whisky Advocate* had an interesting article by David Broom titled 'Into "The Geerie" - Scotland's Aberdeenshire - known to the locals as "The Garioch" - is a land of standing stones, a unique dialect, and three distinctive distilleries.

The Garioch, pronounced "geerie" locally, is an area north and west of the city of Aberdeen noted for its rich black soil and the high quality of barley grown there. As I have noted previously, the Glen Garioch distillery is located there in the village of Oldmeldrum on the outskirts of Inverurie. Glen Garioch is one of the oldest distilleries in Scotland, having its license granted in 1798. However, it probably was distilling before then, perhaps starting in 1785. Currently, its best known product is their 1797 Founder's Reserve single malt. Aberdeen whisky is considered to be in the Highlands Region of whisky classifications. Glen Garioch is in the Eastern Highland District.

But GlenGarioch is not the only distillery in the Garioch. About fourteen miles northwest of Oldmeldrum is Forge near Huntley where the GlenDronach is found. GlenDronach falls into the sherried malt arena. All of their whisky starts in first-fill American oak and after four or five years it moved to Oloroso sherry casks. Its rich sherry style competes with Glenfarclas and Dalmore. GlenDronach has only two wash stills and two spirit stills. This distillery was founded in 1826 by James Allardes, sometime known as Allardice. The single malts they produce are the 12 year-old (Original), a 15 year-old (Revival), an 18 year-old (Allardice), a 21 year-old (Parliament) and a 31 and a 33 year-old. The 12 year-old Original has a deep amber color, and a rich smooth palate, a warm, full mouth feel, somewhat spicy with a long finish. Glayva! (Gaelic for "very good") About \$46 plus tax in Texas. [www.glendronachdistillery.co.uk](http://www.glendronachdistillery.co.uk)

The third distillery in the Garioch is Ardmore, also Highlands Region but a Speyside (Bogie) District single malt. For years, it produced whisky to be blended in Teachers whisky. The Ardmore distillery is located in Kennethmont, Aberdeenshire. Kennethmont is about 5 miles northwest of Leslie, and is adjacent to highway B9002. Ardmore was founded in 1898, and hence is newer than either Glen Garioch or GlenDronach. Ardmore is first matured in the usual oak barrels, and then moved to smaller "quarter casks." Ardmore also lightly 'peats' its standard malts. There is no age stated. It has a nice clean, sweet nose, and a light but very smooth body. The palate is delicate, with a somewhat short finish. It lacks complexity, probably due to short aging, but it is an excellent aperitif. For a low price of just \$26 in Texas, this is probably the bargain of the year.



# In Memorium

## Peter Michael Leslie, Quatermaster, CLSI

On October 20, 2014, the quartermaster for Clan Leslie Society International, Pete Leslie, lost his battle with coronary heart disease. Pete mailed many items to our members and was ready to serve Clan Leslie Society International. He will be missed.

Pete was born in Seattle, Washington. While in high school, he delivered newspapers and saved up to go to college. He graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in Engineering in 1961. Upon graduation, he went to work for the Boeing Company. Peter worked 33 years there and retired from his position as Human Resources Manager in 1997.

He was an avid hiker for most of his life and he had a passion for fishing. With his wife, Shirley, he traveled extensively around the United States, ventured to Scotland, England, Turkey, Russia, Italy, and many other exotic locations around the world. One year, he traveled to the Holy Land, where his faith deepened even more. His father was born in Scotland and Peter was fiercely proud of his heritage.



## Francis Woodward Leslie Lt. Colonel, USAF, Retired



Francis passed away on September 14, 2014. He graduated from West High School in Washington DC in 1941, and enlisted in the US Army Air Corps shortly afterward. He served in World War II as a B-17 navigator with the 98th Bomb Group, 15th Air Force, flying missions from North Africa and Italy against targets in Germany, Austria, and Italy.

He was awarded numerous decorations including the Air Medal for his European exploits. Following VE Day, he was transferred to the Pacific Theater of Operations and served in China, the Philippines and Okinawa. When the war against Japan ended, he elected to stay in the Air Force as part of the newly formed Strategic Air Command. He flew airborne nuclear alert missions in B-47s and B-52s finishing his military career in 1965 at Fairchild AFB, in Spokane, WA.

At an age considered too old to be a student, he went back to college completing his Bachelor's degree at Gonzaga University and continuing his studies for a Master of Science Degree at Ohio State University. He subsequently started a second career with the US Federal Service hiring on as a Budget Analyst with the Department of Labor in Washington DC. He served in a variety of other Federal Service positions in the Nation's Capital

ultimately retiring again at the age of 70.

He continued to reside in Alexandria, VA, until the present day. He had a very active "third age" and travelled extensively to such places as Scotland, Ireland, Spain, Portugal, Egypt, Germany, Russia and Eastern Europe. Together with his second wife, Anne, he operated a silhouette portrait business called the Paper Paintbrush keeping alive an art form popular in early American Colonial times. Dressed in late 17th century attire and assuming the persona of people of that era, he and Anne travelled up and down the Eastern Seaboard participating in many juried crafts shows and historical re-enactments. He became interested in his family's Scot's roots and immersed himself in all things Scottish including folk dancing, fiddle and bagpipe music, clan history and heraldry, even studying Gaelic language and attending many Clan Leslie gatherings, decked out in full tartan regalia, at Highland Games throughout the United States. His happiest days were those spent in military service and those spent in the woods or on the water someplace.

He had an encyclopedic knowledge of American military history. He enjoyed attending concerts at the Kennedy Center, Washington DC, dancing at Gatsby's Tavern in Alexandria, VA, and volunteering as a docent at George Washington's Mount Vernon Plantation. He was a great supporter of historical preservation and nature conservancy causes. His professed ambition in life was to become an interesting person and live an interesting life. He accomplished both goals well. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA.



# In Memorium (cont'd)

## Mrs. Barbara Leona (McKibbon) Bruce

The death of Mrs. Barbara Leona (McKibbon) Bruce wife of the late George Bruce of Miramichi, NB, occurred on Monday, July 21, 2014 at her residence at the age of 90. Born in Red Bank, NB, she was the eldest child of the late Stanford and Emeline (Bryenton) McKibbon. In her younger years Barbara worked at her parents General Store and later worked at Henry Birks & Sons Jewelers. She was a Member of the Highland Society at Miramichi as well as the Clan Leslie Society International. She loved spending time at her cottage in Sunny Corner, was an avid reader and had a great love for genealogy.

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## 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:

**Vice Chieftain:** Loren Leslie, 2 years

**Secretary/Registrar:** Christine Johnson, 2 years

## Balquain Award

The Balquain Award is given to Clan Leslie Society International members who have significantly increased membership in CLSI in a given year by signing up at least ten new members or people rejoining who had let their membership lapse. This year, the Council is pleased to bestow the Balquain Award on these people.

Lewis and Christine Johnson host many tents in the southeast region. This year, they also hosted our Gathering at Grandfather Mountain. Lew and Chris work tirelessly for CLSI and have signed up many new members.

Robert Leslie hosted a Leslie Family Reunion at the Rockwood Conservation Area in Canada. At this reunion, 151 Leslies attended and Robert signed up many as new members.

The Council thanks these individuals for their hard work and for their efforts to increase our membership!

## The 69th Annual Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games, August 10, 2014

FERGUS—The Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games had a second straight year of strong attendance, a festival organizer said Monday. The three-day festival ended Sunday. Mary Lloyd is the administrator of the festival, her husband Bruce is the festival's manager. She said it is estimated that over 30,000 people attended the event this year. Lloyd said the crowds were huge for the Friday Night Tattoo, which featured the Elora Festival Singers and the 48th Highlanders of Canada. "We had a spectacular fireworks display, all in memory of World War One," she added. "There was a lot of emotion being charged in that time when the candles were being lit just before the fireworks." The masters and women's highland games events on the weekend, featuring the caber toss and other traditional Scottish games, were also a big crowd draw and pleaser. roflanagan@guelphmercury.com

**From their Facebook Page:** Unofficially we're in the Guinness World Record Book! Congratulations to our 52 tossers. They had 52 Cabers in the air at the same time.

Fergus is a three day event and involves an overnight stay for me to get to the park early in the morning. I opted to attend the Saturday only and Robert and Marguerite Leslie put up Sue and me for the weekend at their home in Acton, since we were going to attend the great Leslie Gathering at Rockwood on Sunday. Fergus is one of the biggest Scottish Festivals in Canada and on Saturday it was very busy. There were 35 clan tents, the most of any festival where I have hosted a tent.

Fergus is also the only festival which charges the Clans. The charge is \$56.50 and this includes the tent, parking and two weekend tickets. The Clan Leslie Tent was hosted by William Leslie, Robert Leslie and his grandson, Jacob Leslie. Jacob

also marched with me in the Parade of the Clans, where I was recognized by the announcer as the Commissioner of Clan Leslie. Jacob's and my picture from last year's parade was in the 2014 Games Program.

We had many visitors, Leslies, Laings and Muirs. In fact I have never seen and talked to so many potential CLSI members at a tent before. We have a possible five members who took application forms and I expect to see some new members from Fergus. Jacob had the job of stamping the kids' passports with the Clan Leslie stamp, but he was so interested in all the activities at the Games that he often disappeared while we were swamped with little people who needed their passports stamped. This was my fourth time at Fergus but by far the most satisfying in terms of meeting new Leslies.

Robert and I had the opportunity to meet with David Radley, President of the Fergus Games about the 2016 Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games and he was quite positive about our request to be the featured Clan.

**William Leslie,**  
Commissioner  
Clan Leslie  
North America



CLSI Commissioner William Leslie, Jacob Leslie and Robert Leslie

## Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games, Richmond VA, October 25-26, 2014

It was a very brisk morning Saturday morning as we hung our banners and set up our tent in preparation for greeting the hundreds of people who would visit the clan tents during the highland games. We were warmed by sips of Irish coffee and the pipers playing familiar tunes near the piping competition tents. As the day progressed, the temperatures rose into the upper 60s while we were busy greeting visitors and listened to a wide array of Celtic music.

Dane and Dye Gay co-hosted the tent with us with Dean taking pictures and posting to Facebook so other CLSI members could share in the day's events. We greatly appreciated their help during the two days. To our surprise, John Leslie from Florida saw the posting on Facebook and drove up to Virginia with his wife Pat to join us at the games. Stephen Leslie with his wife Pattye, and daughter Marta from Waynesboro, VA stopped to investigate Clan Leslie and joined CLSI.

In our tent we have something for all sorts of interests, Clan Leslie information and Leslie history, Scotland travel with maps and brochures, family tree information, Leslie castles, and whisky bottle canisters with information on the whisky trail.



Lew, Chris, Dane, Dye and John



## The Leslie Burial Vault at Rothies by David Leslie White

In June 2014 we visited the village of Rothies on the banks of the Spey River, in Moray. Rothies is a small village with a population of about 1,250. On the west side of the river on a steep hill are the remains of Leslie Castle. At the bottom of the north side of this hill is the Burn of Rothies, the Glenrothes Distillery, and the Rothies cemetery. In this Rothies cemetery are several gravestones and a burial vault for Leslies. The two oldest stones are badly eroded and very difficult to read. However, the Rev. Robert Anderson, minister of the Rothies Parish Church of Scotland in Rothies has generously provided a transcription and translation of these two stones. I am indebted to him for his assistance.

The two oldest stones are of interest. The first is a dark gray stone with the Leslie arms and a skull and crossed bones. It dates from the 16th century and is to a James Leslie. The inscription is around the border of the stone and reads "hir lyis ane nobil man" across the top. Continuing down the right side of the border "Mastir James Leslie persone of rothes brother germane of George erle umquhil of the same quha deyit I ye Lard ye XIII of octobir a dni (anno domini) 1576." Underneath the skull and crossbones is "Remember ye death and resurgat." The translation is "Here lies a noble man Master JAMES LESLIE parson (minister) of Rothies, brother german of GEORGE, Earl late of the same who died in the Lord the 13th of October in the year of our Lord 1576."

This stone is simply to mark the burial place of Alexander Leslie's family. Some of the Leslie stones were moved from the Leslie Castle (there was a chapel to the south of the Castle – no trace now) to the Leslie aisle in the Rothies cemetery later. The Kirk dedicated to St. Laurence was the first Parish Kirk building after the chapel by the castle. The Leslie aisle stands close to the site of the church which was replaced in 1782 (building work commenced in 1780) by the present church in the middle of the village. The 1782 Kirk was built by Lord Findlater, the Earl of Seafield.

What follows is provided by the Rev. Robert Anderson. The second stone of interest is without Leslie arms and reads:

*"This tomb at the east end of the First Church of Rothies was built by Alexander Leslie of Belnageith to mark the burial place of his Ancestors namely of his Father William of Belnageith & his Mother Margaret Gellie Daughter of the Minister of Fordice and his Grand Father John of Belnageith & His Spouse Margaret Daughter of Innes of Burncrooks and his Great Grandfather Robert of Ardcanny & his spouse Isabel Daughter of Machintosh of Mochy and his great great Grandfather Walter of Ardcanny And his spouse Daughter of Monro of Millton & his great great great Grandfather Robert of Ardcanny and his Spouse Marjory Daughter of Anderson of Kinlos He was son of Leslie of Aikenway and Grandson of George the First Earl of Rothies."*

As to some of the place names, Ardcanny is farmland adjoining Rothies, Burncrooks was likewise but now houses the Glenrothes Distillery warehouses. Aikenway though on the other side of the Spey was and is still part of the Parish of Rothies, and Belnageith may well be Balnageith near Forres. Kinlos I would take to be Kinloss. Aikenway is on the east side of the River Spey, and was another Leslie castle. It is a complete ruin now. Some of the Leslies of Aikenway were Alexander Leslie, son of the 2nd laird of Aikenway; Colonel James Leslie



# Heart Lands—Ten Places That All Members of Clan Leslie Should Visit Before They Die

By David Leslie White

The Summer 2014 issue (No. 64) of Scots Heritage Magazine had an outstanding article and some excellent photos of The Honourable Alexander Leslie, Chief of Clan Leslie. In addition to much information about Alex and Clan Leslie, there were two pages devoted to the “Heart Lands- Ten Places That All Members of Clan Leslie Should Visit Before They Die.” This list was compiled by the author of the article, and not by Alexander. In my opinion, as an American, I would only have picked three of these places: Edinburgh Castle, Fetternear House and Balgonie Castle.

Nevertheless, I believe that every member should be aware of the Leslie connection to each of these places.

This information is transcribed from the article with the permission of the editor of Scots Heritage Magazine.

Items in brackets are my additions.

1. Edinburgh Castle: Bartholomew, the Hungarian courtier who founded Clan Leslie, was made Governor of Edinburgh Castle by King Malcolm Canmore III. Bartholomew, or Bartolf, won favour with the king and was granted lands in Angus, Fife and Mearns in Aberdeenshire, and married the king's sister, Beatrix. [While visiting Edinburgh Castle, be sure to visit the exquisite St. Margaret's Chapel, where Margaret, the wife of King Malcolm would go to pray.]

2. Bannockburn: This year marks the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn, arguably the most important battle in Scottish history and certainly the most significant Scottish victory in the grueling Wars of Scottish Independence. King Robert the Bruce defeated the English army on 23 and 24 June 1314. Sir Norman Leslie sat in Robert the Bruce's parliament, which was held at Cambuskenneth Abby in November of that year. The battlefield lies just south of Stirling and is now under the care of the National Trust for Scotland. It is home to a new state of the art visitor centre which uses 3D technology to bring the battle to life.

3. Fetternear House: Sitting next to the River Don near Kemnay in Aberdeenshire, Fetternear House was the summer palace of the bishops of Aberdeen until 1566, when it was given to William Leslie, 9th Baron of Balquhain, after William, serving as Sheriff of Aberdeenshire, helped to defend St. Machar's Cathedral in Aberdeen from 'Reformers.'

4. Arbroath Abby: After victory at Bannockburn in 1314, Scotland's noblemen wrote a letter to Pope John XXII proclaiming Scotland's independence from England and urging the Holy Father to lobby Edward II of England to recognise Robert the Bruce as King of Scots. The letter was sealed by Sir Andrew Leslie, and became known as the Declaration of Arbroath. The document formed part of the inspiration for the US Declaration of Independence.

5. Grayfriars Kirk, Edinburgh: In 1637, King Charles I of Scotland and England introduced an English-style prayer book into Scotland and emphasised his belief that the king should also be the head of the church. The following year at Grayfriars Kirk in Edinburgh, a group of Scottish noblemen, ministers and ordinary men signed the National Covenant, which asserted the independence of the Church of Scotland and the Scottish Parliament from the king. They became known as the Covenanters and Alexander Leslie, the 6th Earl of Rothes, became one of the National Covenant's champions.

6. Museum on the Mound, Edinburgh: David Melville, later David Leslie, 3rd Earl of Leven, became Governor of the Bank of Scotland in 1697, just two years after the institution was created through an Act of Parliament. He served until 1728 and the history of the bank – which in 1696 became the first commercial bank in Europe to issue paper currency – is now told at the Museum on the Mound, which is also Lloyds Banking Group's registered office.

7. St. Andrews Castle: A family feud between the Leslies and Cardinal David Beaton of St. Andrews led to Norman Leslie, eldest son of George Leslie, 4th Earl of Rothes, leading the murder of Beaton in St. Andrews Castle in 1546. The castle stands on the headland to the north of St. Andrews and is now a ruin, cared for by Historic Scotland, with a visitors centre that tells the story of Beaton's murder. It is believed that John Knox and George Wishart were imprisoned in the bottle dungeon which is one of the most infamous castle prisons in medieval Britain and is cut out of solid rock. A siege mine and counter-mine can also be explored. [Cardinal Beaton also had ordered George Wishart, a Protestant reformer, to be burned at the stake. This plot to kill Cardinal Beaton became a pretext to avenge his death. Other Leslies who were involved included Norman's uncle John Leslie of Parkhill, his brothers William and Robert, and Walter Leslie of Aikenway. Looks like a family affair to me.]





**8. Balgonie Castle:** Sir Alexander Leslie bought Balgonie Castle, which is located on the south bank of the River Leven near Milton of Balgonie, east of Glenrothes in Fife in 1635. Alexander led Scotland's army during the Civil War and became Earl of Leven and Lord Balgonie in 1640. The castle's chapel dates from 1250 and its 13th century Great Hall and Lundie Hall are now used as venues for weddings. The great tower was probably built in the early 1300s and is the oldest complete tower standing in Fife.

**9. Stirling Castle:** The Duke of Rothes, and the 9th Earl of Rothes, was Governor of Stirling Castle and Vice-Admiral of Scotland. His clan supported the British government during the Jacobite Uprisings, with the Duke of Rothes commanding a cavalry regiment at the Battle of Sherrifmuir in 1715.

**10. Blair Castle:** Blair Castle in Highland Perthshire is one of Scotland's best known castles and has been the home to the Dukes and Earls of Atholl for hundreds of years. George Leslie of Balgonie was Captain of Blair Castle during the early years of the 17th century, following in a long line of Leslies who commanded armies around the world.

## Bluffer's guide

TEN IMPORTANT FACTS THAT EVERY ASPIRING MEMBER OF CLAN LESLIE SHOULD KNOW



**1** Tradition has it that the Clan Leslie traces its roots to Bartolf or Bartholomew, a Hungarian nobleman who moved to Scotland in 1067 with Princess Agatha, the mother of Edgar the Atheling, who claimed the throne of England, which William the Conqueror had won at the Battle of Hastings the previous year. Margaret, Edgar's sister, married King Malcolm Canmore III and became Queen of Scotland. Bartholomew was Margaret's chamberlain and won favour with the king, who made him Governor of Edinburgh Castle and granted him lands in Angus, Fife and Mearns in Aberdeenshire. Bartholomew married Beatrix, the king's sister, founding the clan.

**2** Bartholomew built his castle at Lesslyn, in the district of the Garioch, in Aberdeenshire. Over time, Lesslyn became Lesley or Leslie, leading to the different spellings of the family name. Bartholomew's son, Malcolm, was knighted by King David II and received a royal charter to confirm his ownership of the Leslie lands. This is the oldest personal land charter in Aberdeenshire. Malcolm served as Constable of the royal castle at Inverurie.

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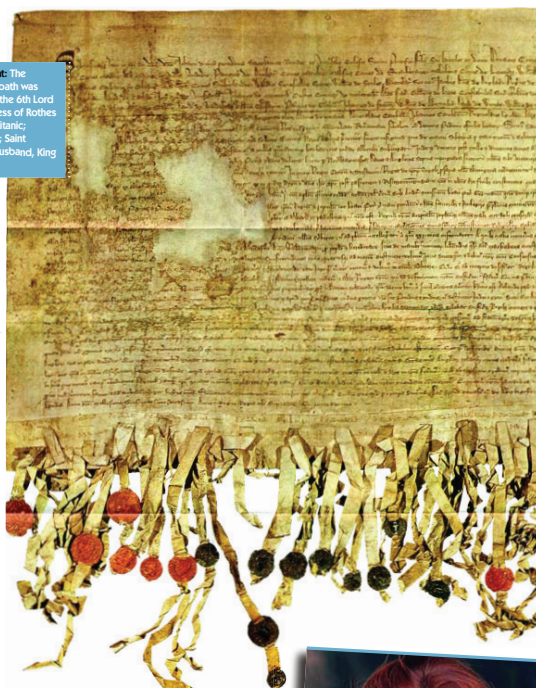
Clockwise from right: The Declaration of Arbroath was sealed by Andrew, the 6th Lord Leslie; Noel, Countess of Rothes sailed aboard the Titanic; Actress Rose Leslie; Saint Margaret with her husband, King Malcolm III.

**3** As the Queen's Chamberlain, Bartholomew carried Margaret on his horse, with the Queen holding on to a belt around his waist. Legend has it that, as they were crossing a burn in spate, his horse stumbled and the Queen cried out 'Will the buckle hold?' Bartholomew replied 'Grip fast' and his horse made it to the other side of the stream. After the incident, Bartholomew had two more buckles added to his belt and the three buckles became the Arms of the Leslies and 'Grip fast' became the clan's motto.

**4** Two of Bartholomew's descendants were involved in two of the most famous events in Scotland's history. Malcolm's grandson, Sir Norman, was Sheriff of Aberdeen and sat in the parliament assembled by King Robert the Bruce in 1314. Sir Norman's son, Andrew, the 6th Lord Leslie, was one of the Scottish barons who sealed the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320, a letter to the Pope in Rome which declared Scotland's independence from England.

**5** Andrew's sons began the spread of Clan Leslie into different branches. The death of Andrew's grandson, David, brought about the end of the original line, but his other sons' families continued, with Walter becoming the Earl of Ross, John becoming the ancestor of the Earls of Rothes, and George becoming the 1st Baron of Balquhain.

**6** Despite being the smaller line of the family, the Rothes line became the senior branch of the family around 1457 when George became the 1st Earl of Rothes. His descendants went on to play roles in key events in Scottish history, with Alexander, the 6th Earl, championing the National Covenant in 1638, which asserted the independence of both the Church of Scotland and the Scottish Parliament. The 7th Earl, also John, was general of the Army of Scotland, served as Lord High Chancellor, and was made a duke by King Charles II.



**7** The Leslies of Balquhain became the much larger branch of the family and most of the present-day Leslies trace their ancestry through this line. The Earls of Leven – now Earls of Leven and Melville – trace their descent through this line, as do the Lords Lindores, Lords Newark, Lords Leslie in Russia, Counts Leslie in France and the Holy Roman Empire, and the Leslie branches in Ireland. Many of the Leslie families in the United States trace their ancestry through the Irish branches.

**8** John Leslie, Bishop of the Isles, appears in 1633 to have been the first Leslie to move to Ireland. He became Bishop of Clogher and earned his nickname as the 'fighting bishop' when he defeated Oliver Cromwell's army at the Battle of Raphoe. In honour of his loyalty, King Charles II awarded Bishop John £2,000 following the Restoration of the Monarchy.

**9** Noel, the Countess of Rothes, sailed aboard the Titanic on its maiden voyage in 1912 to meet her husband, Norman Leslie, the 19th Earl of Rothes, in the United States. When the ship hit an iceberg in the North Atlantic, Noel survived the disaster in Lifeboat No 8, the first to be lowered into the water. She was accompanied on the voyage and in the lifeboat by Gladys Cherry, her cousin.

**10** Actress Rose Leslie – who starred as Gwen, one of the maids in Downton Abbey, and as Ygritte in Game of Thrones – was born and grew up at Lickhead Castle in Aberdeenshire, one of Clan Leslie's ancestral seats.



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# A Personal Display of Identity

Heraldry has never been so popular as it is today with all manner of businesses, public bodies, societies and associations all wishing corporate identity through their own Coat of Arms. My own personal interest arose from discussions with a local heraldic expert by the name of Gordon Casely. Gordon became known to me through his partner Jinty who is also a member of the Clan Macpherson Association of which I am presently Scottish Branch Chairman. Within the highland clan system there was no class consciousness other than the allegiance to a clan chief as a figurehead and father figure supported by his chieftains who formed a similar role within other branches of the same genealogical line. With this background Scotland is one of the few countries where anyone who can prove their lineage within the country and is of good character can apply to have a Coat of Arms matriculated in their name which can then be handed down through their descendants for their use in continuance of the family name.

The first step on this journey was to petition David Sellar the Lord Lyon King of Arms in Scotland informing him that, having paternal history which I had researched back to the mid 1700s, I wished to bear arms that might be found suitable according to the Laws of Arms matriculated in my name. In accordance with the Laws of Arms, should I be successful, this would also entitle me to legal issue of Letters Patent detailing my ancestry and other significant factors along with a full description of the Ensigns Armorial agreed upon which would be heritable to my descendants.

Lord Lyon then requested that I send proof of my ancestry, but only to my great grandfather, where certified copies of birth and marriage certificates had to be furnished. Similar certificated proof of my descendants had also to be furnished down to my youngest grandchild. A quick visit to Edinburgh with the certificates allowed them to be copied by a secretary for checking and retention in their records.

Having satisfied the initial requirements I was now asked to proceed with design of my Arms bearing in mind that as my surname was McPherson any Arms proposed should have significant and recognisable content from the Arms of the Clan Macpherson.

This second step of the journey then took considerable consideration to reflect the Macpherson Arms in my shield which is the main element of any Coat of Arms and I decided to base them on the personal Arms of our chief Sir William Alan Macpherson shown here. Although I still intended to retain the main elements I also wished to make it personal by inclusion of items more specific to myself. There are two basic fields to the shield which is the chief at the top and the base at



the bottom. Within the chief I wished to incorporate a reference to my maternal grandmothers line which had also been traced back to the mid

1700s and, I felt, had played a major influence in my heritable line. Like Macpherson Clan McBain was also a part of Clan Chattan which was a union of the clans directly descended from the original Clan of the Cat, a nomadic tribe which set sail from Europe to land in the North of Scotland back in the times of the Romans. This incidentally is the reason for the boat which in heraldic terms is called a lymphad. As with all Clan Chattan clans they still retain references to the wildcat within their crests and mottoes. Where

Clan Macpherson motto is "Touch Not The Cat But A Glove" the McBain motto is "Touch Not The Cat But A Targe" so led me to incorporate a targe or round shield with a salient or leaping cat in the centre as the McBain element. To do this I then needed to reduce the lymphad to be contained wholly in the base, then placed the targe in the centre of the chief. This meant I



could retain the hand couped at the wrist grasping the bloody dagger which was given to the Macphersons for their loyalty to King Robert the Bruce on the left and the cross crosslet on the right. The cross crosslet designates the religious heritage in the name which means "Son of the Parson" defining the line from Muiriach the Parson of the original Clan of the Cat. Wishing also to record the city of my birth Aberdeen, from which my Coat of Arms will descend, I changed the blue (azure) background to red (Gules) with the lymphad bearing white (Silver) pennon and flags being the red and white colours of the city. My next incorporation was a wavy separation between the chief and the base, white in colour, to reflect the importance of the sea within my working career both in the merchant navy and working offshore in the oil industry. I should point out at this stage that within heraldry only six colours termed tinctures are allowed in addition to the two metals gold (Or) and silver (Argent) but no two metals can touch each other. As white is considered as silver (Argent) then a separation was required between the Gold (Or) background of the chief and the wavy line, so black (sable) was chosen to comply with the laws and it also represented the oil which would float on water, my career in the oil industry having spanned all of 32 years.

The third challenge or step was to create a crest and motto. Knowing that Lord Lyon was keen in having mottos in the normal language or dialect of the petitioner it seemed entirely reasonable to me to use my native Doric. Continuing the theme of the Clan Macpherson motto which, interpreted, means do not



touch the cat if its claws are show- or unsheathed which incidentally a reference to others to be wary of the fearsome Macpherson Clan I settled on “Ca Canny Till Ye Ken” or interpreted be cautious un- you know. With the history behind wildcat being used in the crest and position of personal bannerman to Chief of Clan Macpherson I chose to have a demi-cat holding a banner. My original wish was to have the banner in the colours of Cluny our Chief which is Gold (Or) over Azure (blue) but this was found to be unacceptable as in the eyes of Lord Lyon this would be the start of entirely new arms design. After long drawn out discussions where various suggestions were put forward from both sides and rejected a compromise was reached with the new Lord Lyon Dr Joseph Morrow that I could colour the banner with only Azure (blue) which would be acceptable and I could then fringe it with Gold (Or) which actually gave two identity indicators in that it showed the main background colour change from Cluny’s arms to mine and also his colours.



The last step was then to put everything together in the recognised way by adding a helm (armorial helmet) above the shield. Atop the helm is then the crest and motto sitting on a wreath of the armigers colours. The last addition for full Arms is the mantle which surrounds the Arms and this is meant to represent the cloak knights would have worn to shade their armour from the sun. The full Arms is on the left below. However it is also acceptable to add suspended from the Arms chivalric orders which the armiger may have been awarded. On the right I display my medals as a Knight of the Confraternity of Knights of the Most Holy Trinity and as an Officer of St Lazarus of Jerusalem both being ancient Military and Hospitalier Orders.



As all Coats of Arms are articulated through text rather than graphics so that any heraldic artist can reproduce them in a very similar manner it was necessary to also complete this description which is called a blazon and my one is as follows

**The Shield:** Per fess Or and Gules, a barrulet wavy Argent fimbriated above Sable between in base a lymphad oars in action of the First sails furled and rigging all Proper flags and pennons Argent and in chief a Highland targe Proper charged at its centre with a wildcat salient Or between a dexter hand couped at the wrist grasping a dirk erect and a cross crosslet fitchée of the Second.

**Mantling:** The Mantling will be Gules doubled Or

**Motto:** CA CANNY TIL YE KEN

**Crest:** A demi cat-a-mountain rampant guardant Proper grasping a pole bearing a banner Azure

After a long protracted journey I am delighted at the outcome and can now proudly display my own banner, bookplates etc. safe in the knowledge that through this legally binding contract in Letters Patent my Coat of Arms cannot be used by anyone other than my own family and will be handed down through my heritable descendants.

Norman G. McPherson KHT, OLJ, FSA (Scot)



## Chaplain's Corner

### Samantha Gray, Chaplain, CLSI

#### Firelight, Apples and Candy - Samhain's back!



Autumn brings with it many traditions and the most notable celebration on both sides of 'The Pond' is Halloween. Scotland, being a part of the ancient Celtic lands, contributed many of the activities we associate with this holiday here in North American and elsewhere. Halloween was and is called Samhuinn (also spelled Samhain) and pronounced Sah-ven, Sah-wen or Sah-'en, depending on

whose dialect you choose to use, and derives from the belief in deified seasons of old. Every Samhuinn, the Knights of Summer and Winter battled for supremacy and Winter won. The Lady of Winter, the Cailleach, then covered the land with cold and snow. Six months later at Beltane, on April 30th, the Knights fought again and Summer won, bringing warm weather back. The year rolled like a wheel with various festivals every six weeks based on the agricultural cycles observed since the Celts and Picts began to farm by raising crops and rearing herds. But recall that while we laugh at the ghosts, goblins, pirates, wizards, witches and fairy princesses who come to our 21st century doors shouting "Trick or Treat!!", spirits - especially malignant ones - were a very real and present source of fear for our ancestors. Shakespeare raised hackles on people when he wrote about the Three Weird Sisters stirring their cauldron and chanting "Bubble, bubble, toil and trouble..." And theater-goers in his day would have held the understanding that MacBeth got a proper come-uppance because nobody could even think of hobnobbing with such evil beings and expect any good to come of it. In the medieval world, Scotland was the place most dangerous for any woman or man accused of witchcraft, with no mercy accorded the victim. Drownings and burnings at the stake were frequent. Those with skill in herbs and nursing were often suspected of using devious and ungodly means to affect cures. In a time when gross ignorance of medicine prevailed 'simples' made of common garden greenstuff providing much needed vitamins, and a bit of hygiene - extra washing, perhaps - looked like magic in their achievements, and could bring forth accusations despite the good done. The only ones to escape death were (usually but not always) nobility and royalty. Halloween was a fearful time when demons and imps and their ilk appeared as the cold and dark of winter descended on the land. As modern science overcame superstition and anxiety, old ideas took on a more amusing complexion. Turnips (and in the "new world", pumpkins) no longer were carved with scary faces to frighten away evil spirits, but to light the path to fun. A Scottish custom, now going defunct in the face of spreadable viruses and kids without vaccines was "apple dookin' "

which translated to "apple dunking" in the new world. Another charming custom that arrived from Scotland in US Colonial times was 'applemancy', or the telling of one's future with apples. This was very popular among young ladies of marriageable age despite churches frowning on the practice. On Halloween Eve, a girl would peel an apple in one long strip without breaking the skin, and then her friends would blindfold her. They would turn her three times counter-clockwise while the girl recited the rhyme: "Apple, Apple, show to me, who my own true love will be!", whereupon she would toss the peel over her left shoulder, pull off her blindfold and attempt to read the initial or perhaps part of a name formed by the peel where it landed. It is entirely probable that apples formed such a large part of the Samhuinn celebrations because when you cut around the equator of the fruit, a 5-pointed star appears inside, the symbol of the Earth Mother of old Pagan faiths who always brought back the sun and growing crops after the chill of autumn and deprivation of winter. Time rolls onward in its circle, customs and beliefs change, and candy has replaced treacle tart and apple sweets to soften what was such a scary dark time. But 'teach your children well', as Cosby, Stills, Nash and Young once sang - The traditions they love so much today began centuries ago with their ancestors in Scotland. Oh! - and save a Snickers bar for me, please! Blessings to all for a beautiful and bounteous autumn.

Samantha Gray, Chaplain

### Welcome New Members!

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# The Sherry Huxtable Memorial Academic Scholarship

Olivia Lesslie Phillips, 18, Minnesota



Throughout the four years I attended Apple Valley High School, I always strived to be a well-rounded student. The importance of being well-rounded as a student was stressed greatly in high school. There are three important areas to participate in when trying to do so. The three areas were referred to as the "Three A's," and they are Arts, Athletics and Academics. All students of Apple Valley High school are pushed to explore the different activities and groups that make up each area. Of

the Arts, athletics and academic things that I attended and participated in, I do feel as though I am a well rounded girl.

In fifth grade I started my exploration into the world of music. I wanted to play the trumpet, but I ended up not being very good at the technique that is used to blow air into it. The second choice on my list, the Alto Saxophone, now became my first one. Looking back on that now, I am so glad I chose the saxophone. I stuck out band from the year that I first picked up a saxophone in fifth grade, all the way to my senior year in high school. I was involved in the high school's Concert band, Symphonic band, Marching band and Athletic Band. I lettered in band twice in my high school career. Band provided me with a lot of wonderful opportunities. The band played at a lot of sporting events, I went on a band trip to Cocoa Beach, Florida and I met some of my best friends in band. My senior year I played the baritone saxophone. It was an exciting change up and it played beautifully. The baritone saxophone is the reason I am continuing band in college. The arts department was an amazing group to be a part of. It was one of the most consistently positive things I was involved in during high school. It kept me busy too, I had a full schedule. That is because, as much as I loved band, I loved sports more. I belonged in athletic groups far before I was involved in music programs.

I had been in athletic programs all throughout my childhood. It has been a very good for my health and happiness. I played slow pitch softball for twelve years and traveling volleyball for six years. I was a part of the school speed and strength program for four years, starting in seventh grade and I lettered in it my last year. I played on the school

volleyball team for three years and lettered one year in that. As a freshman I joined the school track and field team, which I participated in for all four years. I threw the shot put and the disk in track, lettering two years in that. Outside of school I also went to a crossfit gym. I did that for two years into this summer. I loved crossfit the most; it has instilled a love of weight lifting in me and I no longer was intimidated by gyms. Crossfit is expensive, so the gym owners allowed me to be a member of the gym if once a week I would clean for them. I was very thankful that they provided me that chance to work for my membership. There were a lot of good times and some hard or disappointing times in all of these activities. I look back now and see that all of it has greatly sculpted me into the person I am today. I loved playing sports so much! When I combined the two things I loved, sports and band, I was a busy student. However, academics always are first on the priority list.

Academics always have and will come first to me. There is no question that it has to stay that way as I enter college. In high school I attended college preparatory classes and ended my four years with a 3.35 grade point average. I took Spanish for three years. I would like to continue the language during college. I did not continue Spanish into a fourth year because I decided to take a career development class. It was an introductory aviation class. I took the class because I love airplanes and flying. The class was quite challenging. We got to take a ride in a glider as part of our aerodynamic and weather studies, visited an Air Traffic Control Tower to observe and listen to a controller at work and we flew small Cessna planes on two occasions. The class was a good way to gauge if I would really like to pursue a career in aviation. I am hoping that piloting will be in my future. The college I am attending provides a good aviation program.

My plans for college seemed to be so distant in the future, even in high school. Now I have committed to a college and am excited to start a new chapter in my life. I will be attending Minnesota State University in Mankato this fall. I have decided to join a learning community called "Choosing and Changing Majors". I am hoping that aviation will be what I pursue, but it is very expensive. Aviation is a huge commitment, but my dreams are to travel the world! I see that I can use aviation to get me closer to my dreams of traveling. I am strongly considering double majoring in Spanish. Spanish could be another boost toward my dreams and I would love study abroad in college. My goals are to try and double major in the two in hopes to become a corporate pilot. I am very excited to see my goals start to be accomplished and to see how it all falls into place! I know in the end I will be in the right place and I am just going to enjoy it all day by day!

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## “Lang May Your Lum Reek”

“Lang may yer lum reek” (“long may your chimney smoke”) is a traditional birthday wish originating from the days before central heating, and given to express the hope that one will live to tend one’s hearth for many years. It is your Chaplain’s pleasure and privilege to wish a very Happy Birthday, peat hearths notwithstanding, to the following members of CLSI:

**September:** Thomas Huxtable - 9/2; Jeffrey Kern - 9/4; Tom Leslie - 9/5; Bruce Eike and Roger Moore - 9/7; Virginia Moore - 9/8; Nell Bonaparte and Terry Moore Kovac - 9/9; David Hanson and Michael Leslie - 9/10; Susan Eiteljorg - 9/12; Jane Roe - 9/13; Elizabeth Johnson, James Lessly and Abigail Vetter - 9/16; Rose Marie Phillips - 9/17; Michael Hadley - 9/18; Brent Carpenter - 9/19; Martin Brown and Phyllis Dubois - 9/22; Thomas Goos and Janet Pyatt - 9/26; Anna Grimm - 9/28; William Leslie - 9/29.

**October:** Christiana Leslie - 10/1; Brian Lesslie - 10/4; Harvey Leslie - 10/5; Ruth Dittman and Frank Leslie - 10/6; Lesley Overton - 10/8; Mathilda Gould and Lewis Johnson - 10/9; Alpheus Leslie and Eugene Leslie - 10/10; Robert Leslie - 10/12; Allen Thomas - 10/13; Dane Gay and Valda Leslie - 10/14;

Robert Abernethy and Elaine Lanier - 10/15; Lesley Overton and William Leslie - 10/16; John Abernethy, Donald Leslie and Sandra Leslie - 10/20; James Leslie - 10/21; Dwight Leslie - 10/22; Florence Lesley and Helen Lesley - 10/23; Jo Michaels - 10/24; Mark Weller - 10/26; Wanda Lucas - 10/27; Bryan Aldridge - 10/28; Kenneth Leslie - 10/29; Melva Wheelwright - 10/31.

**November:** Darrell Abernethy and Anne Hooper - 11/2; Bonnie Simmons - 11/3; Carolyn Linebarrier and Mary Anne Regling - 11/4; Kristina Nellis - 11/6; Craig Leslie, Jack Merrill, Steven Olling and David Leslie White - 11/7; Redena Lesley - 11/8; Bonnie Rudnisky - 11/9; Ysabella Arnaud, William Leslie and Murna Nason - 11/11; Leslie Evans - 11/12; Heidi Hanson - 11/13; Robert Leslie - 11/14; Karen Leslie, William Leslie and Birl Miller - 11/17; L. Leslie - 11/19; Richard Leslie and Monica Rodriguez - 11/21; Libby Gray and Harold Wilcox - 11/28; Janice Abernathy - 11/29; Karel Leslie - 11/30.



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