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The Littles Raid Riverside!

We have just finished a really exciting and historic Biennial General Meeting (BGM). For the first time ever, the meeting was broadcast on the world wide web. It was available to those who live far from our selected site, and even to those who cannot travel at all.



Thanks to the ingenuity and professional connections of our Steuart **Thomas Little**, we were able to take advantage of the technical capabilities of COSCA (the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations, Ltd.). If this is any indication of the modernization and updating we can expect from our leader, the Clan Little Society of North America is in very good shape. He is pictured, below, effortlessly integrating the past with the future as he uses Skype to connect members of the historical society to which we all belong ... ancient Scottish clans and Skype.

The entire event was broadcast as a webinar. There were as many people participating in the meeting online as there were attending in person! The online folks, however, were not able to enjoy the lovely banquet that followed, so there are still good reasons to come to the meetings.

The next BGM will be in Greenville, South Carolina. It is expected that twice as many of us will participate in 2015. We will have moved past the inevitable first-time bugs that limited our online attendance this time. And **Ian Little**, Guardian of the Clan Little Society, Scotland and Worldwide, promises to address our members in person at that gathering. As many of you know, he has applied to the Lord Lyon to be named Commander, starting a process that could end with his being named Chief. This would restore our status to that of a Clan, something we have been denied since approximately 1700 AD.





Leaders of the Clan Little Society in North America met to elect new officers and work to assure that there will be a vibrant Clan Little in the future. From left to right, Webmaster Don Little with Heather, Secratrur Jim Little with Pat, Steuart Tom Little, and new Marischall Pat Little with Janice.

Worldwide Participants in the Biennial General Meeting

This year's meeting began with a prayer from Secratrur Jim Little. Steuart Tom Little welcomed everyone and thanked COSCA for providing the technical resources that allowed participants from all over the world to join in the meeting. He reviewed some of the changes that have already been implemented since he took the reins two years ago. He has taken advantage of opportunities to develop leadership skills aimed specifically at Scottish Clans, and has forged the best relationships we have *ever* had with other Clan groups.

Officer's Reports continued with the Treasurer's Report, this time presented via Skype by Mailin **Dr. Jim Lyttle**. The financial situation has not changed much over the last two years: a victory in this economy. We still have around \$1,000 in the bank at any given time, and close to \$10,000 in savings. We barely break even selling branded pewter and tartan products and, in fact, lose money on shipping.

Laurie Brooks sent in the Quartermaster's Report. We still have around \$2,000 worth of pewter items in stock, and close to \$5,000 worth of tartan material.

David Lyttle is our energetic and well-informed Genealogist. He reported that the clan records he received from the North American group, which had been prepared by Pat Little Maddox, were easily as thorough and as well-organized as any professional product. He has also gathered records from both the New Zealand and home clans, and combined them with records he has access to through the Little DNA project and other online sources. He is building up a large and well-organized database that will serve as a valuable benefit to future members of the Clan Little Society or, with luck, the future members of the restored Clan Little.

Webmaster **Don Little** (pictured below with his wife, Heather), reported on some of the innovations that have already been adopted, including the use of PayPal on the website and a new service provider to serve our needs better. There are also plans to offer mobile-friendly pages and similar services that might appeal to the generation that we will need if the Clan is to survive in the future. **Allen Little**, who leads the New Zealand group, left an inspirational message that was read aloud to the group.

Then we heard from the Guardian of the home clan, **Ian Little**. Although it was nearly midnight in Dundee, where Ian lives, he joined us online (audio only). We heard about his plans for a united Clan in the future, his frustrations running the Society in the past, and his support for our current executives.



NEW MARISCHAL

Another exciting moment at the Biennial General Meeting was the revival of the office of Marischal. This person acts as a right-hand to the Steuart and serves much the same role as the Sargent-at-Arms in some clubs. For several years, we have let one of the other three officers take on these duties but, according to our by-laws, we should really have a full compliment of four elected officers.

Pat Little, pictured at the right with Janice, has been elected to that role and begins his term immediately. He is a life member from Lansing, Kansas and is already familiar with our Steuart, Tom Little. The two will be working together to make sure our group is ready to survive and thrive over the long term. Welcome, Pat!!



THE PAT LITTLE MADDOX SERVICE AWARD

Adding to the long list of firsts at this year's Biennial General Meeting, a new service award was introduced. This award will be given regularly to a member whose service to the Clan Society goes far beyond any reasonable expectation. Just such a person is Pat Little Maddox. Her work as our Genealogist was so impressive, that our new Genealogist David Lyttle asked if we had any special recognition we could offer. We did not. So, we have instituted this Pat Little Maddox Service Award, of which Pat is the very first recipient. Furthermore, each time the award is presented to a worthy contributor, we will be re-enforcing the value of the work she has done for us, and the example it has set for others. At the meeting in Missouri, Steuart Tom Little read out the inscription from the plaque that she will receive, and announced the reason for the award. This is another step in moving the organization forward. New members who step up to offer their services need not worry that exemplary service will be taken for granted.

Congratulations to Pat Little Maddox!



FACEBOOK

Your executive team is pictured at the left. From the left, there is Secratrur Jim Little, Steuart Tom Little, and Marischal Pat Little, with Mailin Dr. Jim Lyttle looking on via Skype.

This group is planning our growth. They might want us to work even more closely with the home clan, sell products at more profitable prices, or use our genealogical resources to raise funds. They will certainly continue using the Clan Little Facebook page to enable the leaders of the various groups to interact with interested parties.

Please join us there to share memories and photographs, and to discuss future directions for the Clan Little Society, North America, Ltd.

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