



Clan Forbes Society Newsletter November 2019

John Forbes, Admiral of the Fleet



Admiral John Forbes (1714 – 1796) was the second son of George Forbes, 3rd Earl of Granard in Ireland and Mary Stewart, the eldest daughter of William Stewart, 1st Viscount Mountjoy. He joined his uncle Charles Stewart in the Royal Navy at the age of 12 in 1726 and rose to become Great Britain's Admiral of the Fleet. Forbes served on the court martial on the Admiral Byng who was charged with failing to relieve a besieged British garrison during the

Battle of Minorca at the beginning of the Seven Years' War. Byng was convicted and, as Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty, Forbes refused to sign Byng's death warrant. He believed that the sentence was illegal and attached to the warrant a document explaining his refusal. King George II refused clemency and a squad of Royal Marines executed Byng in 1757.

[See more here.](#)



Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada

The Clan Forbes Society proudly announces that it has joined Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada (CASSOC)! This is the Canadian equivalent of the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations (COSCA) in the United States. CASSOC encourage the celebration of our Scottish Cultural Heritage and the promotion of this Scottish Culture in all its aspects. These means that we're counting on all Forbeses who live in Canada to help represent Clan Forbes in next year at various Canadian games and festivals. We're also looking for folks willing to research and share the rich history and heritage of the House in Forbes in Canada.



Forbes of Monymusk

The Forbes of Monymusk branch was founded by the second son of Duncan Forbes of Corsindae, also named Duncan. He had advanced large sums on the Priory lands of Monymusk, having a charter from Pope Julius III to "set the Mains of Monymusk." In 1560, he foreclosed the mortgages and came into possession of the Monymusk Estate from the Frasers. In 1589, his eldest son and heir William obtained a Crown Charter erecting the town and lands of Monymusk into a borough of barony. William's heir, also named William, bought additional land and was created a baronet by Charles I in 1626 -- among the earliest in Scotland.

[Read more here.](#)



Lord and Lady Forbes Support Children with Cancer UK

Lord and Lady Forbes contribute the proceeds made from visitors to Castle Forbes to Children with Cancer UK. This is the leading charity dedicated to the fight against childhood cancer. Lady Forbes is on the board of Opera at the Syon, the charity's major fundraiser produced annually in the conservatory at Syon House, the Duke of Northumberland's residence. Lord and Lady Forbes also contribute a weeks fishing on the River Don with bed and breakfast for two at Castle Forbes. The next time you stay at Castle Forbes, remember that you are not only celebrating your heritage but making a difference in the fight against cancer!

[See more here.](#)



Welcome New Members!

Please welcome the new [Active Members](#) for October 2019:

- Teresa Rae Forbes, Kansas
- George Elliott Forbes, Kentucky
- Joan S. Michie, Maryland
- William A. Forbes, Wisconsin
- Richard A. Forbes, Illinois
- James E. Forbush, Ohio
- Charles Russell Forbes, Kansas
- John A. Weiss, Washington
- Laura E. Forbes, Illinois
- Horatio James Forbes, Jr., Georgia
- Joseph R. Forbes, New York
- John T. Forbes, Georgia
- Paul Forbes, Illinois

Your financial support of \$25 for [Active Membership](#) will help the Society research the history and heritage of the House of Forbes; develop resources for tracing your genealogy with your cousins around the world; connect with other members in the Clan Forbes Community; and encourage more members to join us in events, tours and gatherings. If you know your genealogy, you can become a [House of Forbes Member!](#)



St. Andrew's Day Kirkin' o' the Tartan in Alexandria, Virginia

If you live in the Washington, DC, area, please join the Clan Forbes Society at a Kirkin' o' the Tartan. [St. Andrew & St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church](#) is holding a Kirkin' o' the Tartan and Evening Prayer service on Saturday, November 30, 2019 at 7:00 PM. November 30th is St. Andrew's Day. St. Andrew is the Patron Saint of Scotland. The service will include a blessing of Scottish tartans, a bagpiper, Scottish fiddling, and other Scottish music. It will be followed by a reception with Scottish foods and beverages. Bring your kilts and tartans if you have them! The church is located at 402 E. Monroe Avenue, Alexandria, VA (1 block off Mount Vernon Avenue), 703-683-3343. For more information, contact [Ron Pearson](#).

Nominations are Now Open!

If you have been enjoying the Clan Forbes Society, why not get more involved? In addition to Clan Conveners, the Society needs advisers, officers, and directors who can help lead the Society.

Officers: The Society operates with a minimum of two corporate officers. The President serves as the Chief Executive Officer and the Vice President serves as the Chief Operating Officer. However, the President can appoint any other officer as needed and as interest allows. These may include Secretary, Treasurer, and additional Vice Presidents.

Directors: Eventually, the Society would like to have a Vice President or Director for each area of endeavor, such as Heritage, Genealogy, Membership, Marketing, etc.

Advisors: Several people act as advisors to the Society in the areas of clan history, social media, and the past society. We're looking for more advice in many other areas.

If you are willing to commit to specific duties and responsibilities, please consider becoming an officer. The deadline for nominations is November 30, 2019. If you have an interest or skill in a specific area, please consider becoming a director or advisor. If you want to find out more, please contact Bart Forbes at president@clan-forbes.org. Thanks!

Highland Games & Festivals



Clan Forbes was represented at the Salado, Texas, 58th Scottish Games thanks to Rick Forbes!

- Nov 1 & 2, 2019: [Charleston Scottish Games & Highland Gathering](#) (South Carolina).
- Nov. 8 – 10, 2019: [Salado Scottish Gathering & Highland Games](#) (Texas), Clan Convenir: [Rick Forbes](#)
- Nov 9 & 10, 2019: [Celtic Heritage & Music Festival and National Tartan Day](#) (Mississippi)
- Feb. 1, 2020: [Sarasota Highland Games & Celtic Festival \(Florida\)](#)

Interested in representing Clan Forbes Society at one of these Games? Download the [Clan Forbes Convenir Guide](#) and we'll help you!