

About Our Founders

The American Clan Leslie Society was founded in 1978 by Alexander Leslie Klieforth, at the invitation of the 21st Earl of Rothes and Chief of Clan Leslie, Ian Lionel Malcolm Leslie. Over twenty years the organization grew to over 600 members worldwide, prompting the decision by Clan members at the 1994 Gathering in Seattle, Washington, to become an international society. Several organizations such as the Kings Own Scottish Borderers and the San Diego Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society hold honorary membership in the Society.



Left to right: The late Ian Lionel Malcolm Leslie, 21st Earl of Rothes, and the late Alexander Leslie Klieforth

Join Us!

Those of Scottish ancestry are blessed by a special bond of kinship and common heritage embracing hundreds of years. Our aim is to help you learn more about and encourage a better understanding of that heritage with a sense of pride and a spirit of enjoyment in that knowledge.

We invite you to join with us in this adventure and realize your own sense of history in being an active part of a truly distinctive people. Everyone benefits as we contribute our individual pieces to the puzzle in an effort to preserve a heritage that is worth the endeavor.

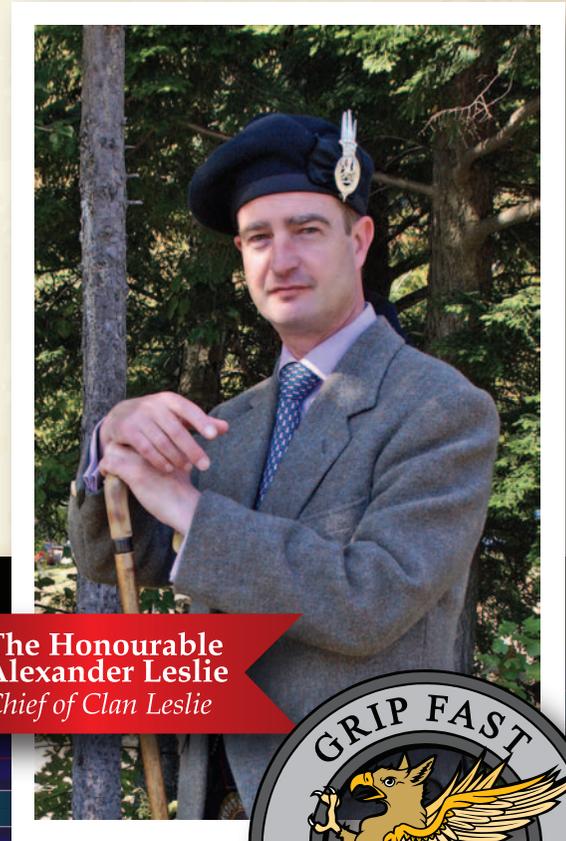
Fees in the form of annual dues are held to an **absolute minimum** and are used to defray the cost of publications, presentation of the Leslie tartan around the world and scholarships approved by the membership. All elected and appointed positions are strictly voluntary and unpaid.

Learn more about Clan Leslie: clanlesliesociety.org

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The Honourable
Alexander Leslie
Chief of Clan Leslie



History of Clan Leslie

Circa 1069 a Hungarian noble named Bartholomew arrived in Scotland in the retinue of the future Saint Margaret. Upon her marriage to Malcolm Canmore, the king of Scotland, Malcolm gave Bartholomew the high post of Chamberlain. He subsequently married Malcolm's sister, Beatrix, in 1070, and was granted much land by Malcolm, and the title of Lord Lessley. Thus began a dynasty and heritage that has reached through history to the present, the generations spreading from Scotland throughout Russia, Sweden, France, the Austrian Empire, and finally to the United States and Canada.

Leslie descendants and descendants of the clan septs of Abernethy, Cairney, Bartholomew, Lang and Moore have made their places in history as statesmen, heads of government, writers, scientists, mathematicians, doctors, theologians, military leaders, artists, musicians, and actors.

There were many branches of the family of which two remain: the Rothes line and the Balquhain Line. Many Leslies emigrated in the 16th-18th centuries, first to Ireland and then to North America, becoming part of the great Scots-Irish influx so vital to America's early development. Today, Leslies and sept members are found throughout the world.

Leslie Castle, Aberdeeshire



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Join Clan Leslie Society International Today!

Those persons with the surname of Leslie, families of the septs of Abernethy, Bartholomew, Carnie, Lang and Moore (or the various spellings) may become lineal members. Associate membership is open to those with a special interest in Clan Leslie. Children are eligible for inceptor membership, and life membership is also available.

Membership also entitles you to the following benefits:

- Subscription to the *Grip Fast* and *Grip Fast Online* –our CLSI newsletter that's full of Leslie history, articles and event listings.
- The *Grip Fast Journal*—our publication featuring Leslie events around the world.
- Clan Leslie is represented at various Highland Games yearly, and more games are added as membership grows.
- A wealth of genealogical information is collected from members as it becomes available, as well as from outside sources, and stored by computer for member use.

The Purpose of Our Society:

To gather kindred together in clanship.

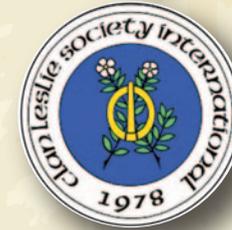
To promote, foster, collect and preserve historical and genealogical records and information about descendants of Clan Leslie throughout the world.

To promote knowledge of Clan Leslie specifically and the history and culture of Scotland generally.



Clan Crest Badge

This is the clansman's badge, comprised of the crest from the Chief's coat of arms, surrounded by a belt and buckle, with the clan motto. It may be worn by all members of the Clan.



Clan Plant Badge

The plant badge of Clan Leslie is the Rue, Latin name *Ruta Graveolens*, a member of the Rutaceae family, which is related to the common citrus plants of oranges and lemons. The Plant Badge was designed by Karen Leslie to be worn by members of the Society.



Tartans

Clan Leslie has two tartans: the Hunting (or green) and Dress (Red). There are three shades of each - the bolder, darker colors are called 'modern', the lighter colours 'vegetable dye', and the muted, almost pastel colors are 'ancient'.

All are correct but there are definitely only the two Leslie tartans. There are rare references to a 'blue' Leslie tartan but we do not acknowledge this as anything to do with the Leslies. Technically a tartan is described by the thread count of the sett, or pattern.

Clan Motto

Grip Fast

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