

**Clan Cunningham International (CCI)**  
**President's Annual Report**  
**January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013**

1. **Clan Chief:** The Lord Lyon declared Sir John Christopher Foggo Montgomery Cuninghame of that Ilk, Baronet of Corsehill Chief of the Name and Arms of Cuninghame.

2. **Governing Council members at the end of the year.**

**Elected Officers:** Kelly Cunningham, President; Steve Cunningham, Vice-President; David Pickens, Secretary/Treasurer; Patricia Paisley, Membership Director; Amy Dean, Historian; Jerry Lester, Webmaster; Sheryl Cunningham, Genealogist; Barbara Ball, Newsletter Editor; Alexander Cunningham, Regional Secretary.

**Appointed Officers:** Northeast USA Regional Director: Dr Bill Cunningham; Mid-America Regional Director: Robert Cunningham; Western USA Regional Director: Kelly Cunningham; Scotland Regional Director: Alexander Cunningham; Canadian Regional Director: Nancy Cunningham; NZ Regional Director: Phil Cunningham; Regional Director to Cuninghams in Uniform: Col. Bartley Payne.

3. **Council Meetings:** The Council conducted its meetings using Skype. Meetings for calendar year 2013 were held on: January 27, February 24, March 24, April 21, May 19, June 30, July 28, August 25, September 15, October 27, November 17 and December 29.

4. **Council Actions and Decisions:**

- a) Non-profit status: the Council pursued 501C3 status. The original accounting estimate of \$1400 was revised to \$5300. Membership concern over the excessive, unexplained increase prompted further discussion. The Council reaffirmed the original accounting estimate of \$1400 which is being paid \$200 per quarter or as funds are available. The Treasurer was authorized to pay the \$400 IRS application fee.
- b) Beverly Lueke resigned as Webmaster in February. Bartley Payne was appointed in her place and confirmed the website was up and running before he needed assistance/replacement due to being out of the country for a year. Jerry Lester took over for Bartley as Webmaster. Alex Cunningham was confirmed as Regional Director of Scotland/England.
- c) Acceptance of the By-Law amendments: this relates to Article VII and combines the positions of Secretary and Treasurer into a single position.
- d) Changes concerning Article 8 Honorary Members holding elective office and being able to vote were approved.
- e) Quorum requirements (Article 7.05) were changed from  $\frac{2}{3}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Elected Officers.
- f) Glencairn Aisle Project: Todd Cunningham of Davidson, NC, the appointed Project Manager, went to Scotland and consulted the stained glass shop's personnel. The designed windows will need Scottish National Heritage approval before installation.
- g) Steve Cunningham resigned from the Council in June and was reelected to the Council as VP in September.

h) CCI Travel Book/CD: Bill Cunningham reduced price of the CD from \$25 to \$15. Tim Hardy and John Loughney offered help with information for the Ireland Travel Guide.

i) Triennial Meeting: the Triennial meeting was held in Pleasanton California August 31, 2013. Council members Sheryl Cunningham, William (Dr. Bill) Cunningham, and Kelly Cunningham attended as well as seven CCI members from the general membership. The low turnout was felt to be due to the poor economy and unemployment hardships. Rose Ann from Caprington Castle has offered to allow us to hold next Triennial Meeting in 2016 at Caprington Castle in Scotland.

j) Bannockburn: this will be held June 28-30, 2014. CCI will be the official Cunningham organization hosting the tent.

k) Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee provided a full slate of officers. The ballots were initially mailed out in July. Because the original ballots did not allow each of the three proposed amendments and each of the nine officers nominated to be voted on individually as required by the 2010 revision of the By-Laws, the election was declared null and void on August 25. Revised ballots were sent out with a return deadline of September 30. Vote was final October 1. All nominees were elected to office, and the three changes to the by-laws were approved.

5. The **Unicorn newsletter**, with Bonnie Cunningham (and later Barbara Ball) as Editor, was published as follows:

a) Summer 2013. Featured articles: The Announcement of the Triennial Meeting, Three Proposed Amendments to the CCI Bylaws, Officer Biographies of nominees and Newsletter and Website Updates.

b) Fall 2013. Featured articles: “The Cunninghams of Auchendarvie” by Carole Bishop, “Indianapolis Highland Games” by Shane and Pat Paisley, and announcement of election results.

**6. Membership Coordinator:** Patricia Paisley reported that by the end of the year, there were 132 active members in CCI. There were 4 renewals.

7. **Treasurer:** David Pickens reported that the beginning balance on January 1, 2013 was \$2729. Income during calendar year was \$2290; expenditures were \$1659. As of December 31, 2013 there was a balance of \$3360. Of that, \$1575 is earmarked for the Glencairn Aisle project and \$150 for the PayPal account.

8. **Games:** CCI sponsored a Clan Tent at the usual Festivals, Highland Games and other venues during the year. CCI suspended reimbursement of tent sponsors in June due to financial constraints.