



CONSTITUTION

1. Name and Constituents

The Society shall be called "The Clan Lamont Society"

The following shall be eligible for membership of the society.

- (a) Persons bearing the name Lamont or Lamond or kindred names
- (b) All lineal descendants of such
- (c) The husbands of clanswomen
- (d) Others who may establish a claim to be members of the clan and their descendants
- (e) Anyone who having rendered important service to the society, makes application for membership, and who in the unanimous opinion of the council is worthy of membership on account of such a service. The council shall have power to enquire into and adjudicate upon the claims of the applicant for membership whose title to such may be doubtful.

2. Objects of the society

The objects of the society shall be the reviving, conserving and promoting of the interests, sentiment and associations of the clan: cultivation of social intercourse among the members; the collecting and preserving of records and traditions relating to the clan, and the publication of the same; the encouragement of education; the rendering of assistance to deserving clansmen; and any other objects which the society may from time to time determine.

The society is an organisation in its own right governed by the council and constitution. The chief of Clan Lamont shall have no jurisdiction in clan society business.

The society shall strive to reach out to countries throughout the world to engage members in social and educational interaction. The mother society shall be based in Scotland and shall lead the world.

Other countries seeking to be involved will look to the mother society for help and guidance.

Any other country wishing to be affiliated shall apply to the mother society and the said person or persons involved will be carefully scrutinized for integrity and ability to take our clan forward from its country of origin. The mother society's decision will be final.

3. Membership

The membership shall consist of Life members, Ordinary members and Retainers. Entry fees and subscriptions for each class shall be determined from time to time by the society at General meeting.

4. Office Bearers.

The management of the society shall be vested in a Council, consisting of a President, Two Vice - Presidents, six councillors. The Secretary of the society, the Treasurer of the society and the editor of the clan journal. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by one person.

The president shall be elected for two years and shall govern the society completely with authority and compassion and uphold the values and mission of the society. The vice- presidents shall be

elected to hold office for two years, retiring in rotation in alternate years, and shall not be eligible for re-election until one year has elapsed from last demitting that office.

Six councillors shall be elected to hold office for three years. Two councillors shall retire in rotation annually of whom one will be eligible for re-election. Any retiring office-bearer shall be eligible for election to a different office.

5. Meeting of the council.

Unless otherwise decided by the council, or by Requisition as after-mentioned, the secretary shall fix the time and place of meetings. Four members shall form a quorum, and Special Meetings of the Council shall be called on by a requisition signed by any three members and lodged with the Secretary, setting forth the business to be considered. Council meetings shall be convened by Circular, issued on not less than four days' notice.

6. Duties of Treasurer and Secretary.

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse, under the sanction of the council, all monies due or payable to or by the society, and shall keep exact accounts of his/her intromissions with the funds, and his/her books shall be patent at all times to the members of council. He/she shall prepare at least once a year, a statement of his intromissions and a General Abstract thereof showing the state of affairs of the Society in property, funds, debts and other engagements, which shall be submitted to an Auditor or Auditors, appointed for that purpose, as after mentioned.

The Secretary shall keep a correct record of all the proceedings at ordinary and extra-ordinary meetings of the Society, as well as Council meetings; conduct the general correspondence; keep proper books and other records of the Society; and perform all other services pertaining to his/her office.

7. Meetings of the Society.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held during the Annual Gathering in the summer at such time and place as the Council may appoint. At this meeting a statement of Intromissions during the Society's financial year ending last day of July, and a General Abstract, showing the state of the Society's affairs, shall be submitted, and on approval shall be engrossed in the books of the Society and signed by the Treasurer and Auditor(s). The Auditor(s) who may be members(s) of the council, shall be elected at this meeting.

Special meetings of the Society and Council shall be presided over by the President, or in his/her absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, or in their absence by a chairman chosen by the members present. The chairman shall have a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote.

8. Investment of funds.

Such of the accumulated Funds of the Society as the Council may from time to time determine shall be invested in such securities as gratuitous trustees are entitled to accept, either by statute or at common law, and the titles to such securities shall be taken in name of Trustees, to be appointed by the office bearers herein specified, and to the survivors or survivor, and the heir of the last survivor of such Trustees. The trustees shall be entitled to all the powers, privileges, and immunities conferred on gratuitous Trustees by statute, or at common law; and such Trustees shall, at any time, if when required by the office-bearers, be bound to dispose (arrange) and convey, at the expense of the Society, to such other Trustees as may be named by them, the whole securities titles and estate, which shall be vested in such Trustees. The Trustees shall be responsible each for his/her own acts only, and not for those of his/her Co-Trustees as individuals. Parties dealing with the Trustees shall have no concern with the application of monies paid to them.

9. Votes for Educational, Literary and other Purposes.

With the exception of monies received in the name of life membership subscriptions or for any other purpose, the Council may vote such sums out of the Society's in invested funds, whether capital or revenue, as they may deem proper for the following objects, viz-

- (a) To assist in the education at schools or college of young persons belonging to the Clan. The sum to be voted, which, in the discretion of the Council, may be wholly or partly in the form of bursaries, shall be applied in such manner as the Council may determine, and shall be continued during their pleasure.
- (b) For the publication or to assist in the publication of any historical or other literature relating to the Clan, as well as the preservation of any old records, relics, or other articles of former times by which in the opinion of the Council the interest of the Society will be promote
- (c) For the purpose of affording temporary relief or assistance to deserving members of the Clan, on being satisfied of their good character and necessitous circumstances,

10. Discipline.

In the event of a charge being brought against a member of the Society of conduct prejudicial to the well-being of the Society, a Meeting of the Council will examine the charge, and if, in the opinion of a majority of those present at such meeting the charge appears to be well founded, the member(s) against whom the charge has been made shall, by registered letter delivered not less than two weeks prior to a Council meeting, be requested to attend this Council meeting to defend such charge. In the event of no defence being made, and/or the charge being upheld by a majority of two thirds of those voting at this Council meeting, the agenda for which has published the relative business, the Council shall have power to suspend the membership of the person against whom the charge has been made, and at the same time order that its action shall appear on the agenda of the next General Meeting of the Society. If such General Meeting upholds the charge, which it may do by a majority vote, it shall be competent for that meeting to direct that the amount of any life membership subscription as may have been paid by the defaultng member shall be repaid to him or her and that his or her name shall be struck off the roll of membership.

11. Winding up of the Society.

In the event of circumstances arising such as to make it desirable for any reason to wind up the Society, the whole funds will be established as a Trust, for the purpose of furthering the objects of the Society or such similar objects as the Council may approve and under no circumstances may the funds be dispersed or utilised in payment to the individual members of the Society.

12. Honorary Vice-Presidents.

Any member completing a term of office as President or otherwise having exceptional service to the Society may be elected as Honorary Vice-President, such office to be for life (subject to continuing membership of the Society) but such Honorary Vice-Presidents shall not be members of the Council unless elected as such.

13. Alteration of constitution.

No alteration of, or addition to, these articles shall be made unless at an annual or special meeting of the society by a majority of members present.

Any proposed addition or alteration must be intimated to the secretary twenty one days prior to the date of such meeting and notice of proposal must be given with the notice of the meeting.
