**From the Editor**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all LFA members.

**Contest**: The 1997 issue of *The* *Lyon’s Tale* (*LT*) had a contest for the Oldest Living Lyon(s) Relative. My oldest living Lyon(s) relative is my slightly older brother Ed. He is now 79. Sorry Ed; I had to ID your age in order to kick off this contest. Anyone still reading this letter who has a relative older than Ed, please send me a note (editor@lyon-lyons-genealogy.org) and let me know. We will identify you in the next issue of the *LT* and, with his or her permission, identify your oldest living Lyon(s) relative. Please don’t leave my brother hanging. There must be someone among our clans who has a relative older than 80.

**Correction**: You may have noticed a formatting error that obliterated the name of the photographer of the Great Lyon(s) Photo (GLP) in the September issue of the *LT*. The photographer was Ray Golterman, and the picture was taken in 1954.

**The Lyons Family of New York City:** Donna Lyons Ray has brought us the recollections of her grandaunt Susan Teresa Lyons who wrote about growing up in the household of a prominent New York City builder, Jeremiah Charles Lyons. A blogger who writes about buildings in New York City wrote, “As the 19th Century wound to a close, Jeremiah C. Lyons had become one of the most prominent real estate developers in the city, owning and managing the J. C. Lyons Building and Operating Company.” I don’t use the word *charming* often, if ever, but I think it is an apt description of Susan’s recollections.

**Cromwell and the decapitation of a King**: Mike Hewitt has once again generously given us an article based on the research he did for his book, *A Most Remarkable Family*. Mike’s book is available for purchase at his website (www.thelyonfamily.org.uk). His book can also be purchased by contacting Lisa Frieman in Florida at 386-205-4114 or at lisafrieman@hotmail.com.

**DLLs and GLPs**: LFA continues to grow, and four more members have submitted their Direct Lyon(s) Lineages (DLLs). Donna Lyons Ray who gave us the recollections of her grandaunt also offered a Great Lyon(s) Photo (GLP) of her granduncle when he was a small boy. We will publish a picture of the boy’s brother in the March 2018 issue.

**Scotland 2018**: Though I’ve been to Ireland a couple of times and even England a few times, I never felt the pull of Scotland. After having read Mike Hewitt’s articles about the history of the Lyon family in Scotland and Mike Lyon’s travelogue of Scotland, I feel the pull of Caledonia and have come to embrace, rather than deny, the likelihood that my great grandfather came from Bannockburn, Scotland. LFA is organizing a fabulous, 10-day tour of Scotland in September, and my wife and I are going. The announcement about the trip has been reproduced in this issue of the newsletter, and there are still spaces available; please plan to join us.

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