

BASIC DUTIES OF A COMMANDER (*CEANN-CATH*)

Under guidance from the Court a Commander candidate or *Ceann-cath* will be selected for nomination at a Family Convention to be held in May **2026** in Scotland. The candidate selected by the Clan, with a strong consensus, will be submitted via the Supervisory Officer to the Lord Lyon King of Arms of Scotland for his review and approval.

Primary Responsibility:

The first and most important duty of a Commander is to find a suitable candidate for Clan Chief that the whole Clan can support. This could be via a documented hereditary family line or the creation of a new Chiefly line to be reviewed and approved by the worldwide Clan and then finally by the Court. This will require another Family Convention and proof documents submitted to the Court of the Lord Lyon.

It will be expected that periodic search reports regarding progress will be provided to the Clan.

This will be an appointment that provides leadership to drive the Clan into the future and to be an ambassador for the Clan in all matters. Following are the general duties and position Specifications:

Basic Duties:

- Coordinate clan matters with the various worldwide Clan Societies including International Gatherings
- Manage the Clan's profile with other relevant external bodies (e.g. COSCA, CASSOC, SAHC)
- Identify and appoint suitable Commissioners to support the Commander – these could be Regional (this is not a prescriptive list but may include e.g., Scotland, UK and Ireland, Europe, Northern North America, Southern North America and Australasia)
- Engage, encourage and enthuse younger members of the Clan
- Drive inclusiveness of the whole Scottish Clan beyond membership of Clan Societies
- Attend gatherings and meetings of the Clan, and of Scottish groups worldwide (Scottish Games and Gatherings, etc.)

Knowledge, Background and Skills Specifications:

- Be of an accepted Clan surname and with a documented genealogy preferably back to Scotland
- Knowledge of the Clan's history
- Knowledge of Scottish history and heritage generally
- Understanding of genealogy, heraldry and accompanying research skills
- Organisational and leadership skills, including budgetary and event planning
- Communication skills – articulacy in speech and writing, IT skills, interpersonal skills, and diplomacy
- Creativity, positivity and inclusiveness
- Coaching skills to support Clan Society leaders and others
- Ability, time, energy, resources, enthusiasm and willingness to travel, including internationally.

It may be that the Commander could become a suitable Chief candidate, but this is not guaranteed nor time dependent.

It is not necessary that the Commander be an Armiger recognised by the Lord Lyon, but it is expected that the chosen Commander will petition for Arms during his or her tenure.

It is not essential that any Candidate holds or has held office in any of the Clan Societies or similar bodies. Please consult the relevant documentation and '*Notice of Intent to be considered as a candidate for Commander*' at <https://www.clannameandcommandersearch.com/>.

Deadline for responses: 30 November 2025

As you complete your Notice of Intent you may direct process questions to the Council of Presidents at: clannameandcommandersearch@mail.com