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TO ALL and SUNDRY whom These Presents Do or May Concern, WE, Sir Thomas Innes of Learney, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Baron of Learney, Kinnairdy and Yeochrie, Doctor of Laws, Advocate, Lord Lyon King of Arms, send Greeting, Whereas, Ralph Alexander Gerstenberg (President), and John Yeaman Leslie Hay (Honorary Secretary) of THE CAIRNGORM CLUB having by Petition of date 9th December 1964 unto Us on behalf of the said Club SHEWN:—THAT the Cairngorm Club with Headquarters at Aberdeen was founded on the day following Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1887 at a meeting of Aberdeen climbers on the shores of Loch Avon; THAT the said Club was formally constituted in January 1889, and the objects, as declared in the Constitution, are to encourage mountain climbing in Scotland with special reference to the Cairngorm group of mountains; to procure and impart scientific and other information concerning mountains; to consider the right of access to Scottish mountains and to adopt such measures in regard thereto as may be deemed advisable; and to issue such publications as may be considered advantageous; THAT Life and Ordinary or Full Membership of the Club is confined to such persons as can satisfy the Committee of Management that they have experience of climbing on the higher Scottish hills, particularly in the Cairngorm area, or have made substantial contributions to the science, art and literature of the Cairngorms or other Scottish mountains; THAT the said Club has since 1893 produced a Journal containing a record of its

proceedings, including articles by members and others of particular interest to mountaineers and has held regular Meets and Excursions throughout the years and has endeavoured to encourage responsible behaviour by climbers, and to maintain good relations with land-owners and tenants; it has co-operated with other climbing clubs and with national bodies to preserve and improve the amenities of the countryside and has taken a direct initiative in erecting and repairing bridges, mountain indicators and mountain huts and refuges; AND the Petitioners having prayed that the said Club might be granted such Ensigns Armorial as might be found suitable and according to the Laws of Arms, Know Ye Therefore that We have Devised and Do by These Presents Assign, Ratify and Confirm unto The Cairngorm Club, the following Ensigns Armorial, as depicted upon the margin hereof, and matriculated of even date with These Presents upon the 129th page of the 45th Volume of Our Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland videlicet:—Per chevron Azure and Gules, a chevron Argent between in chief a cross-crosslet fitchée in dexter and an antique crown in sinister both Or, and in base two ice-axes, head upwards also Or, and in an Escrol this Motto *clac-dian* by demonstration of which Ensigns Armorial, Insignia of Nobility, the said Club is amongst all Nobles and in all Places of Honour, to be taken, numbered, accounted and received as an Incorporation Noble in the Noblesse of Scotland; In Testimony Whereof We have Subscribed These Presents and the Seal of Our Office is affixed hereto at Edinburgh: this 1st day of March in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her Other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, and in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty-five.

Thomas Innes of Learney  
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