

**REGULAR COMMUNICATION MEETING OF PROVINCIAL  
GRAND LODGE OF ABERDEENSHIRE EAST HELD WITHIN THE  
TEMPLE OF LODGE SOLOMON No 197 ON 9th FEBRUARY 2012**

**OPENING**

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in Due and Antient Form by the RWPGM in the First Degree, passed to the Second Degree and Raised to the High and Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The RWPGM welcomed all Brethren to the meeting and thanked the RWM and Brethren of Lodge Solomon No 197 for the use of their Temple.

**PRESENT**

Those present were RWPGM, Bro William G Grant, IPPGM, Bro Alfred J W Davidson, Sub PGM., Bro R J Simpson, PG Secy Bro D. Nicol, PG Chaplain, Bro Ian Bain and other Brethren as per Attendance Book.

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from RWM and Wardens, 267, RWM and Wardens 1188, Wardens 1084, Bro Sheilds PM 267, Bro Nibloe PM 939, Bro Brice PM 939, RWM 56, Bro Elrick PGDOC, Bro Tom Buchan, Bro Tom McIvor, Bro Duthie RWM and Wardens 518, Br D Hutcheon, Bro Mark Wemyss, Bro David Wemyss, Bro Burgess PM No 892 Wardens Lodge 56, Wardens Forbes 67, Bro A C Bruce, Bro Mitchell PM Bro Stott, Bro M Dunn and others

**MINUTE**

The Minute of the last regular Communication held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 having previously been electronically disseminated was confirmed and signed on a proposal by SubPGM Bro R Simpson and seconded by Bro. Daniel and duly passed as read by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro William G Grant.

**MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the minutes

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was read from Grand Lodge of Scotland relating to the following;

- 1) A letter was read from Bro Tom Smith Grand Almoner concerning Caring and Sharing project and intimating that the contribution towards the Aberdeenshire East Provincial Charities would be £5940 and requesting details of the Provincial Charities..
- 2) A letter was read intimating the Grand Lodge Carol Service led by the Phoenix Choir with music played on the refurbished Grand Lodge Pipe Organ.
- 3) A letter from Grand Secretary intimating the 2000 club. For the cost of £1 per month there is the possibility of winning sums of £25 up to £600,
- 4) A letter was read from Grand Secretary intimating that Bro Alan Cruickshank was considered by the Disciplinary Committee and a recommendation was made that he be suspended sine die with a recommendation of expulsion.
- 5) A letter was read from Bro Charles Winston of the Scottish Materials Group requesting photos and details of Lodge War Memorials.
- 6) A leaflet advertising the Scottish Masonic Materials Group conference in October
- 7) A letter was read regarding the Provincial Bye-laws stating that they were approved with some minor amendments

Correspondence was read from the following Provincial Grand Lodges;

- 1) PGL of Edinburgh giving a copy of the Provincial Minute and advertising the Installation of the PGM and Commissioned Office bearers on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2012

- 2) PGL Fife & Kinross inviting the RWM and Office Bearers to the Installation of Office Bearers on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2012 in Dunfermline.
- 3) PGL Banffshire informing the RWPGM and Brethren that the PGSecy of Banffshire was working abroad and his place will be temporarily taken by Bro Will

Correspondence was read from Aberdeenshire Council re gaming licence confirming that it had been renewed

Emails were received from

- 1) Bro Joe Brice of Ugie 939 requesting permission that a Gardeners Lodge be formed and utilise the Lodge Rooms of Fraser 267. This was approved
- 2) Bro Ian Bain Secy of Lodge Ugie 939 requesting dispensation to allow IPM Bro Nibloe to be elected to the Office of Senior Warden. This was approved.
- 3) Bro Ian Bain Secy of Lodge Ugie requesting a change to bye-laws.

A letter was received from Aberdeenshire Council confirming the Gaming Licence for 2011-2012.

## ROLL OF LODGES

The Roll of Lodges were called and all Lodges with the exception of Lodge St Olaf 1188 (who had forwarded apologies) were represented.

## PROVINCIAL BYE LAWS

The revised Provincial Bye-Laws were presented by PGSecy Bro D Nicol having been approved by GLS.

## LODGE BYE LAWS

The revised Bye-laws of Lodge Solomon No 197 were presented detailing a change of meeting dates from October through October to October through March. Also revised Bye-laws were presented from Lodge Ugie 939 detailing changes of fees. Both were forwarded for consideration by the Bye-Laws Committee

## GRAND LODGE CHARITY YEAR PROVINCIAL CHARITY UPDATE

A discussion ensued on the Caring & Sharing project.

The total raised by the Lodges of the PGLAE amounted to over £8500. Bro D Nicol intimated that the project had been a success and the Scottish Lodges had raised over £306000 with several Provinces still to declare. The next step would be to work out how much each Province would receive to contribute to their respective charities.

## FUTURE CHARITY PROJECT

Future possible projects were discussed. Bro Nicol suggested the possibility of sponsoring final year school students to undertake a Gap Year. It was felt that this should be shelved meantime.

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Bro Dr James Mackay, PG Asst Grand Secretary, Bro David Geddes, were installed into their respective offices by Bro Simpson, Sub PGM.

## REIGNING MASTERS DEGREE

The Reigning Masters Degree has been arranged for 20<sup>th</sup> April and a letter has been sent to Grand Lodge of Scotland to invite the Grand Master Mason to attend. Lodge Dundonnie is to confirm the suitability of the evening.

## PROVINCIAL BOWLING COMPETITION

The Bowling competition's provisional date is Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2012. Bro Paterson outlined the procedures for the day and emphasised the club rules re dress code, beverages and food materials.

**PROVINCIAL GOLF  
COMPETITION**

The RWPGM congratulated the winners of the Provincial Golf Competition and thanked the committee

**PROVINCIAL DINNER  
& DANCE  
1000 CLUB**

Dinner Dance to be discussed at a later date

Bro Nicol advised that renewals for the 1000 Club were due at the end of February. Bro Reid, PG Treasurer intimated that each Lodge would receive £486 from the proceeds of the 1000 Club and this would be reduced to £243 for the four Lodges who had bought thirty numbers each. The numbers were drawn for January and February 2012.

**TRAVELLING TROWEL**

Travelling trowel is currently at Lodge Ugie 939. It has travelled well this year and the RWPGM thanked the Brethren for their enthusiasm in supporting the concept of the trowel. An animated discussion ensued regarding the rules of the trowel but the status quo prevailed for the ensuing year.

**COLLECTION**

The collection amounted to £57.65

**A.O.C.B**

The RWPGM reported that he had attended the Regular Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland the previous Thursday along with Bro Nicol and others and recounted a brief resume of proceedings including a lecture by Grand Chaplain Bro Ramsden. Attendance at future Communications and relevant bus arrangements were discussed. It was reported that Bro John Muirhead had been appointed as the RWPGM of Aberdeen City and Bro Nicol asked that those Brethren attending the Installation should confirm their names by 10<sup>th</sup> March and also pay accordingly. Bro W K Buchan announced that he would be standing down from the office of P:G Almoner as from June 2012. He gave an account of his reasons for doing so. He was encouraged to reconsider his decision.

**CLOSING**

The labours of the evening having ended in Peace and Harmony Provincial Grand Lodge was closed by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro William Grant in Due and Antient form to meet again at the Regular Communication on June 21<sup>st</sup> 2012 which would be the occasion of the Annual General Meeting and Installation of Office Bearers.

**RWPGM****WPGSecy****SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF  
ABERDEENSHIRE EAST HELD WITHIN THE TEMPLE OF LODGE  
FORBES NO 67 ON 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2012**

The meeting was opened by the RWPGM, Bro W Grant.

Those present were Bro Grant RWPGM, Bro D Nicol, PGSecy and Bro D Stevenson, RWM Forbes 67

Apologies were received from Bro I Bain PG Chaplain and Bro R Simpson DPGM

The meeting had been called to discuss the arrangements for the Charity Presentation of cheques to the three charities, CLAN, SANDS and MacMillan Nurses on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm at Lodge Forbes No 67.

Bro Nicol confirmed that the cheques had been received from GLS and that the representatives of the respective charities had been invited.

The following arrangements were discussed;

- A letter will be forwarded to the Grand Master Mason to invite him along to proceedings
- A message would be requested from Bro Thomas C Smith, Grand Almoner to be read on the evening
- A message will be requested from Mrs Dawn Oliff again to be read on the evening.
- The evening would commence at 7.30pm
- RWPGM will open events and welcome all to the evening
- The event was open to all ie brethren and families
- A licence for alcohol sale is in situ
- Bro Scott Winchester would be invited to undertake photography
- An ante-room exhibition of photos relevant to the fund raising events eg walk , motor cycle run Curry Ceilidh etc would be set up. Notice boards would be organised.
- Drinks would be offered on arrival eg red wine , white wine and soft
- The bar would open at half time
- Bro Bain would undertake the task of MC
- Several Entertainers would be arranged to perform for about one hour in total
- Teas would then be served
- Sandwiches etc would be arranged through Lodge Forbes No 67 to be served along with teas
- A raffle will be arranged
- The cheques would then be presented to each of the three charities by Bro Nicol PG Secy and two others respectively who will be announced at a later date
- Photographs would be taken and forwarded o the relevant newspapers
- Brethren would have the option of wearing regalia for the photos.
- Bro Nicol would prepare a newspaper article including an account of Chloe Patterson's "Gap Year" and forward to the "Buchan Observer", The "Fraserburgh Herald" and also the "Ellon Advertiser". A shorter article would be prepared for the Aberdeen Journals.

The business of the subcommittee having been successfully concluded after a full discussion of the plans for the Charity evening, the meeting was closed in Peace and Harmony at 8.50 pm

**RWPGM**

**WPGSecy**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE  
OF ABERDEENSHIRE EAST HELD WITHIN THE TEMPLE OF  
LODGE St JAMES NO 256 ON 21st June 2012**

**OPENING**

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in Due and Antient Form by the RWPGM in the First Degree, passed to the Second Degree and Raised to the High and Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The RWPGM welcomed all Brethren to the meeting and thanked the RWM and Brethren of Lodge St James No 256 for the use of their Temple.

**PRESENT**

Those present were RWPGM, Bro William G Grant, Sub PGM., Bro R J Simpson, PG Secy Bro D. Nicol, PG Chaplain, Bro Ian Bain and other Brethren as per Attendance Book.

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from IPPGM, Bro Alfred J W Davidson, DPGM, Bro J Park, RWM and Wardens, Forbes, 67, DM 1084, RWM and Wardens 1188, RWM 56, Bro Elrick PGL JD, Bro Tom Buchan, Bro Eric Grant, RWM and Wardens 518, RWM and Wardens Clinton No 1244, RWM and Wardens Lodge Fraser No 267, Wardens 892, Wardens, 939, Wardens, Solomon 197, Bro A C Bruce, Bro J Sheilds, Bro D Given,

**MINUTE**

The Minute of the last regular Communication held on the 9<sup>th</sup> February was read confirmed and signed on a proposal by Bro D McLeod and seconded by Bro D Hutcheon.

**MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Letters were read from;

- 1) Grand Secretary regarding Masonic Precedence. The full document had previously been sent out
- 2) Grand Secretary apologising that the GMM would be unable to attend the Reigning Masters Degree at Dundonnio NO 1087.
- 3) Grand Master Mason wishing the RWPGM, Office Bearers and Brethren of the Lodges in the Province of Aberdeenshire East congratulating them on the success of The Caring & Sharing project within Aberdeenshire East.
- 4) Bro Thomas Smith, Grand Almoner wishing the RWPGM, Office Bearers and Brethren of the Lodges in the Province of Aberdeenshire East congratulating them on the success of The Caring & Sharing project within Aberdeenshire East
- 5) Mrs Dawn Oliff of GLS wishing the RWPGM, Office Bearers and Brethren of the Lodges in the Province of Aberdeenshire East congratulating them on the success of The Caring & Sharing project within Aberdeenshire East

(Letters 3, 4 & 5 had been read in full at the Caring and Sharing night at Lodge Forbes temple on May 11<sup>th</sup>)

- 6) Grand Secretary intimating the 2000 Club run by Grand Lodge of Scotland.
- 7) Provincial Grand Lodge of Perthshire East inviting the RWPGM and Office Bearers of Aberdeenshire East to the Installation of Bro Ronald Forbes as RWPGM of Perthshire East and his Office Bearers.
- 8) Provincial Grand Lodge of Fife and Kinross inviting the RWPGM and Office Bearers of Aberdeenshire East to the Installation of Bro Andrew Paterson as RWPGM of Fife & Kinross and his Office Bearers
- 9) Lodge Ugie claiming the Travelling Trowel.

- 10) A Card was received from Mrs Carol Thornton, McMillan Nurse thanking the Lodges of Aberdeenshire East for the donation of £5042
- 11) A letter was received from Mrs Susan Crichton of CLAN thanking the Lodges of PGLAE for the donation of £5042 and enclosing a certificate from CLAN
- 12) A letter and newsletter had been received from Mrs Turriff of SANDS thanking the Lodges of Aberdeenshire East for the donation of £5042
- 13) Emails had been received from Mrs Evelyn Grubb thanking for the Province for asking her to hand over the cheque to Carol Thornton of Macmillan Nursing.
- 14) Caroline Irvine Irvine of SANDS thanking the Lodges for the donations
- 15) E mails from Bro A C Bruce, Bro T Buchan, Bro D Stevenson RWM 67, Bro J Elrick and others sending apologies for not attending.

The RWPGM acknowledged all correspondence and stated each item would be dealt with. The certificates from CLAN were discussed and it was proposed that one would be given for display in the Temple of Lodge Forbes 67 and the other attached to the minute. It would also be scanned and shown to the Brethren of the Province

## **ROLL OF LODGES**

All Lodges were represented.

### **1000 CLUB**

It was reported that the 1000 Club tickets had all been paid for. Bro Reid PG Treasurer reported that the Draw for months March February March and April had be carried out at the Benevolence Committee meeting. The results were as follows

JUNE—1<sup>st</sup>-£100-No 218-Lodge St James- ,  
 2<sup>nd</sup>-£50 No 123-Barry Harper Lodge St Olaf No 1188,  
 3<sup>rd</sup>-£25-No 442-Kevin Gray, Lodge Ugie No 939

## **BALANCE SHEET**

The PGL Treasurer Bro A. Reid presented the Balance Sheet for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011. This was proposed on a Motion by Bro D Wemyss, PGJD and seconded by Bro D Nicol WPGSecy. The RWPGM thanked Bro Reid and the auditors for their work in preparing the Balance Sheet of the Province.

## **PGM'S REPORT**

The RWPGM, Bro. William Green Grant presented the following report;  
 "It gives me much pleasure to submit my third Annual report for Aberdeenshire East.

It has been a very busy year for Lodges and the Province with the Caring and Sharing programme as well as the regular Communication meetings of Provincial. The Caring and Sharing events were well supported by the Brethren from the various Lodges resulting in cheques for over £5,000 being presented to each of the three nominated Charities – more of this later as an appendix to this report. We have two communication meetings throughout the year plus our AGM and they have been well supported by the Lodges but we would always like to encourage the younger and newer members to attend and become involved in Provincial meetings. At last years AGM at Lodge Ythan No. 892 a letter of resignation from Bro. Kenneth McRobbie as Depute PGM was read. This resulted in the installation of Bro. James Park as Depute PGM, Bro. Ronald Simpson as Substitute PGM and Bro. Ian Bain as PG Chaplain.

As agreed at the AGM the Secretary, Bro. Dr. Nicol, is now sending out most communications including the Minutes of these meetings to Lodges and Brethren by e mail which has been well received and as a result is a big saving for the Provincial.

PPSW Bro Harry Lamb was presented with his Past Provincial Senior Warden's Jewel and was thanked for all his help and support within the Province.

The Aberdeenshire East Provincial Website has now been up and running for the best part of the last year for which we thank Bro. Duncan Russell of Lodge St Andrew No. 518 for all his support in contributing part of his website and allowing this initiative to take off. Also thanks must go to Bro. Mackay RWM Leask No. 1084, Assistant Secretary, for keeping the site up to date.

We received an update from Bro. Dennis McLeod on the position in regard to the Masonic Club, Peterhead. I am pleased to report that things appear to have turned around. Some redecoration, rewiring, a new roof, new lighting and carpet have been installed in the Dance Hall and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all two Lodges, all the Brethren and the Club Staff who have helped to carry out this work. I understand further work will be carried out in due course.

Once again Lodge St. James No. 256 held a Masonic meeting during Scottish Week on Tuesday 19 July 2011 during which they conducted a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree.

All the Lodges in the Province were visited throughout the year in some cases twice, once for the visitation and again for the Installation of Office Bearers. This time the weather has been a lot kinder to us and all were carried out as per the programme. During visitations the Secretaries and Treasurers books were inspected and found to be in accordance with the Laws & Constitution of Grand Lodge. All secretaries and treasurers are to be congratulated on the standard of the work they do on behalf of the Lodges. Degree work of each Lodge was found to be of a high standard. It is encouraging to see that Lodges are still able to bring through new candidates to the craft however, unfortunately, two Lodges this year had substitute candidates for their Visitations. Initiates for the year is 43 which is the best figure for five years or more and unfortunately there were 15 Obituaries.

I attended the PGM's meetings in Perth called by the MWG Master Mason on Saturday 3 September 2011 and again on Saturday 12 May 2012.

A number of members from the Province have attended Grand Lodge meetings for the year. We are still hoping to encourage younger and newer members to become involved in attending these meetings. I also attended the Festival of St Andrew in November.

Once again I attended the Annual Dinner & Dances of the three of the four Lodges who are still able to hold these functions. I would like to thank Bro. Ian Bain, PG Chaplain and Meg who attend Keith's Dinner Dance on my behalf. It was good to see that attendances are still holding up and also to see some of the younger members there. This last year Lodge 1055 held a Stovie Dance but unfortunately we were unable to attend and could not get a representative to attend but by all accounts it was a good evening. We hope that they will be able to continue this function.

The Secretary and Treasurer's meeting was held in Lodge Ugie on Wednesday 22 September 2011. This is a good time for these Office Bearers to bring up any points of concern.

On 24 September 2011, Dundonnie No 1087 held their Centenary celebrations with the Re-dedication service being conducted by the Grand Master Mason, Bro Charles Iain Wolrige-Gordon. This was followed by a Dinner held in the Buchan Braes Hotel.

On 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 I attended the Grampian Association of PGM's dinner which was held at Dinnet House as it was hosted by Aberdeenshire West.

We were invited to attend an Inter Provincial visitation at Aberdeen City on 8 September 2011 as it was the last year of Office for Alistair McIntosh as PGM for Aberdeen City.

I attended Lodge Inversaintcairn No 1278 and witnessed Bro Douglas Watson PM receive his Jubilee certificate and a number of gifts as a token of appreciation from the Lodge.

At the October meeting of Grand Lodge, Bro Douglas Nicol, PGSecy was re-elected to Grand Committee for a further three year term and he must be congratulated on this. He shall continue to serve on the Benevolence Committee.

On Sunday 30 October a Memorial Service was held for PPGM Bro. James Grubb at Peterhead Masonic Temple.

On 12 November 2011 a Re-dedication of Old Aberdeen No.164 was carried out by PGL of Aberdeen City and there was a good representation for PGL Aberdeenshire East.

On 27 November 2011 a Memorial Service for Bro. Wm. McLeman was conducted by the Brethren of Lodge 1055 and Bro. Ron Simpson attended on my behalf.

On 11 December 2011 I attended Maud Mason's Annual Carol Service held in Lodge Leask No. 1084. This is always well attended by the families and the children look forward to the arrival of Santa Claus.

Bro Eric Grant and myself attended a Life and Works of PM Kenny Davidson at Lodge St. Olaf No. 1188 on 26 January 2012. This was a different form of memorial service which basically gave the life story of Bro, Davidson and it was an excellent evening.

On Saturday 17 March CLAN held a coffee morning and soup and sweet in Mintlaw Village Hall and a number of the Brethren attended this event particularly as this was one of the charities supported through the Caring and Sharing programme.

The Annual Provincial Bowling Competition was once again held at the Buchan Bowling Club, Mintlaw on Sunday 15 April 2012. A number of Lodges entered teams and once again the format for the day was that of a Round Robin competition. Lodge St Ugie No. 939 came out on top for the day.

Reigning Masters Degree was hosted by Lodge Dundonnie 1087, as this was their Centenary year, Friday 20 April 2012. 11 Masters took part in the degree and Bro. Sean Lewis Skinner was the candidate.

Saturday 21 April 2012 on a rather wet day a few Brethren and family members went along to see PM Bro Tommy Nibloe abseil 50 metres down Longhaven Quarry in aid of Lodge Inversaintcairn No. 1278's roof fund for his 65 Birthday.

A number of Brethren attended the Installation of Bro. John Muirhead as the new PGM of Aberdeen City conducted by the MWGM followed by a meal in the Temple and a most enjoyable day was held by all.

On Saturday 5 May PGM John Muirhead, Aberdeen City and myself attended a Past Masters Degree held by Lodge Forbes 67 for Graham Reid.

The annual Kirk Service held by the four country Lodges and their associated Orders, which this year was hosted by Lodge St Andrew No 518, was held on Sunday 20 May 2012 at Episcopal Church in Old Deer. The service was conducted by Rev Richard O'Sullivan assisted by PM Ian Bain PGL Chaplain. There was a good turnout of family and friends to support the Brethren and it was nice to the Rev James Wishart who undertook previous services in attendance.

On Saturday 9 June Bro. Dr. Douglas Nicol and myself attend the Installation of Bro. Ronald Forbes as PGM of Perthshire East.

The PGL Golf competition was held at Peterhead Golf Club on Sunday 14 August 2011. I would to thank Bro. Kevin Lamb for taking over the role of organising this competition.

**CARING AND**  
**SHARING**  
**Appendix to PGM**  
**Report**

The Travelling Trowel was won by Lodge Ugie No. 939

Lodge Ugie No. 939 also held an 'open door' day on Saturday 9 June 2012 during the Mintlaw Gala. Unfortunately due to attending Installation of PGM at Perthshire East I was unable to attend but understand the event was well supported.

I wish to thank all the Provincial Office Bearers, in particular the Secretary Bro. Dr. Douglas Nicol, Masters and brethren of the sister Lodges for their support throughout the year.

In conclusion, on behalf of the brethren of Aberdeenshire East may I extend continued loyalty to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Charles Iain R. Wolrige Gordon and Office Bearers of Grand Lodge of Scotland.

As an appendix to my report I wish to add that 2011/12 has been a busy year with the Caring and Sharing programme. We met as Province on 24 February 2011 to look at the various charities nominated by the Lodges and after due consideration from 24 potential charities it was decided to support three, namely SANDS, CLAN and Macmillan Nurses.

Various fundraising events were discussed such as Quiz nights, Curry Ceilidh, Race nights, Sponsored Walk and Sponsored Motor Cycle Run.

All lodges were involved in fundraising. Clinton No. 1244 and Ugie No. 939 and Lodge Keith No 56 held a Quiz night. Lodge 1055 held a Bingo night and Lodge Ugie No. 939 also held a Sheep Racing night. Many Brethren gave independent contributions. On 7 August a Sponsored Walk started from Lodge Leask No. 1084 on a most miserable afternoon of rain. In spite of the rather inclement weather there was a good turn out of Brethren and their families as well. The Grand Master Mason, Charles Iain Wolrige-Gordon, Dawn Oliff and staff representing the various Masonic Homes, representatives of PGL Renfrewshire East attended as well as representatives of the various charities being supported. The walk ended at Lodge Ugie 939 where two cheques were presented to CHAS from Grand Lodge, £10,000 and from Supreme Council of Scotland, £5,000 presented by Dr Huggan. The company then went across to the Garret Bar where refreshments were laid on for everyone and a raffle was held. Dawn gave a talk on her work in Grand Lodge which was very well received by all in attendance and a representative from each of the charities supported also gave a short talk on work that they did. This event was also attended by the representatives of the Widows Sons and Bro Andy Rankin of also gave a short talk on their background.

On Sunday 14 August a number of Brethren took to their motorcycles for a run from Peterhead, which was organised by Pm Bro. Alan Brown, to the Black Isle where they met up with Bro. Ian Ramsden, Grand Chaplain. This was a journey of 360 miles and they were lucky enough to have brilliant weather unlike the day of the Sponsored Walk.

Something different was a Curry Ceilidh held at Peterhead Masonic Club, the food being provided By Mr Soni of B Raj Tandoori, Fraserburgh. Chloe Paterson also gave a talk on her gap year in Chile teaching English – her gap year was partially sponsored by various Lodges.

The highlight of the year closed with the presentation of cheques combined with an evening of entertainment to thank all those Brethren and their families for their support throughout this event. The event was held at Lodge Forbes No. 67 and was attended by over 100 Brethren and their families and supporters. The entertainment for the evening was provided by Fraserburgh British Legion Pipe Band, Katy and Jordan Ramsay, Brian Dempster, Ray Meres, and Ross Adams.

Bro. Ron Simpson was compere for the evening and Chloe Paterson came straight from Edinburgh following taking an exam to give a talk on her year in

Chile. Bro Dr. Douglas Nicol read letters of thanks from MWGM and Grand Almoner to the Brethren for their unstinting support of these events. Three cheques were presented throughout the evening to the three nominated charities and representatives from each gave their appreciation for receipt of same, namely Christine Moir and Susan Crichton for CLAN; Carol Thornton – Macmillan Nursing Care and Heather Turriff and Caroline Irvine for SANDS. It was quite moving to see Mrs Evelyn Grubb widow of PPGM James Grubb present the cheque to Carol Thornton for Macmillan Nursing Care who had provided so much support to them during Jim’s illness

W. G. Grant, PGM Aberdeenshire East,  
June 2012

### NOMINATION & ELECTION

The following nominations were made;

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>SECONDED</u>
W.P.G.Senior Warden	I.M Madden	Proposed by Bro Simpson and seconded en bloc by Bro Daniel	
W.P.G Junior Warden	N Stephen		
W.P.G. Treasurer	A.Reid		
W.P.G Almoner	Stuart Thomson	W Grant	D Wemyss
P.G Senior Deacon	J.Elrick	Proposed by Bro Simpson and seconded en bloc by Bro Daniel	
P.G Junior Deacon	D Wemyss		
P.G. Asst Secretary	Dr James Mackay		
P.G Dir Of Ceremonies	Eric Grant		
P.G Architect	D Hutcheon		
P.G Jeweller	T Buchan		
P.G Bible Bearer	M Dunn		
P.G Bard	T Mcivor		
P.G Sword Bearer	D Geddes		
P.G Dir Of Music	D Mcleod		
P.G Organist	J Stott		
P.G Marshall	A Paterson		
P.G Standard Bearer	A.C Bruce		
P.G Inner Guard	D Mitchell		
P.G Pre Of Stewards	N Daniel		
P.G Junior Steward	D Tait		
P.G Tyler	A Brown		

Committee 1	D. Given		
Committee 2	W Kidd		
Committee 3	M Glennie	D Mitchell	R Simpson

The Auditors for the year 2012-2013 were elected and Bros Bell and Harper were appointed to continue as auditor for a further year.

The Obligation of Office Bearers was given by Provincial Grand Master Bro William Grant and thereafter the Office Bearers were duly installed into their respective Offices assisted by Dep PGM Bro Simpson, PGSecy Bro. D Nicol and PG Chaplain Bro. Ian Bain

### EDUCATION EVENT

It was proposed that an “Education Event” event be undertaken later in the year organised by Bro Iain Bain PG Chaplain. This is to be aimed at newer members but would be open to all. Bro Bain has invited Bro Bob Cooper, Grand Librarian and Bro Nicol PGSecy has met with him to discuss matters. He confirmed his availability and a date would be negotiated.

### RELIEF FUND

It was proposed to explore the possibility of a Relief Fund to be raised and

**VISITATION DATES**

managed by PGLAE. The purpose would be to provide assistance to Lodges experiencing unexpected expense eg roof repairs etc. It was suggested that a sub-committee be appointed to develop this theme.

PGSecy, Bro Nicol announced that Visitation Dates would be discussing dates with Lodge Secretaries. An Interprovincial Meeting was proposed for Ythan 892 visitation on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

**PROVINCIAL  
GOLF**

A report was given on Provincial Golf by PPSW Bro Harry Lamb and the proposed date for the next event would be 20<sup>th</sup> August 2012. The RWPGM thanked Bro Lamb for the hard work of himself and the committee.

**PROVINCIAL  
BOWLING**

Bro Alan Paterson reported that the The Provincial Bowling competition on 15<sup>th</sup> April had been successful raising £368.23. Eight teams turned out for the contest which was eventually won by Lodge Ugie 939 with Lodge Forbes No. 67 coming a very close second. The RWPGM thanked Bro Paterson, Bro Keith RWM of Ugie 939 and Bro Buchan PM of Keith 56 for the hard work of himself and the committee. He also thanked the ladies for helping with the catering, and the Buchan Indoor Bowling Club for use of the premises and staff those who had donated raffles.

**TRAVELLING  
TROWEL**

The Travelling Trowel was claimed by Lodge Ugie 939 for most captures. During the season, Lodge Ugie registered 5 claims, Lodge Fraser registered 1 claim, Lodge St Andrew registered 2 claims, Lodge Inversaintcairn registered 1 claim, Lodge Leask registered 2 claims and Lodge Dundonnie 1 claim. £322 was raised and raised to £644 by PGLAE. Discussion also took place about the position of honorary members in the Travelling Trowel and Bro Nicol undertook to scan the Minutes to ascertain whether their position was settled.

**REIGNING MASTERS  
DEGREE**

The Reigning Master's Degree was discussed and a proposal tendered by Bro A Burgess RWM Solomon No 197. The date will be Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm in the Temple of Lodge Solomon No 197 in Fraserburgh. PGSecy will invite the Grand Master Mason to attend

**PRESENTATION**

The RWPGM presented Bro W K Buchan with his the Jewel and Diploma of an Honorary Provincial Depute Grand Master expressing the gratitude of himself his predecessors and other members of PGLAE for the many years of dedication that Bro Buchan had given PGLAE. Bro Buchan in replying thanked the RWPGM and stated that he would continue to contribute to the PGLAE. In addition he recounted his reminiscences of his experiences in Freemasonry since his initiation in 1946.

**COLLECTION**

The collection for PGL funds amounted to £92.90 and was raised to £300 for GL Benevolence on a proposal by R Simpson and seconded by Bro A Reid

**AOCB**

The combined Quiz night for Lodges Ugie 939 and Leask 1084 in aid of "Fighting for Sight" was discussed. Teams were invited. The Peterhead "Open Doors" event was discussed. A sponsored M/C run is being organised by PM Brown July/Aug 2012.

**CLOSING**

The Labours of the evening having ended in Peace and Harmony, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Aberdeenshire East was closed in Due and Antient Form by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro William Green Grant

**RWPGM****PGSecy**

**MASTERS, SECRETARIES, TREASURERS & ALMONERS**  
**MEETING OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ABERDEENSHIRE**  
**EAST HELD WITHIN THE TEMPLE OF LODGE LODGE FRASER**  
**No 267 ON 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012**

**REGULAR COMMUNICATION MEETING OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ABERDEENSHIRE EAST HELD WITHIN THE TEMPLE OF LODGE St ANDREW NO 518 ON 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2012**

**OPENING**

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in Due and Antient Form by the RWPGM in the First Degree, passed to the Second Degree and Raised to the High and Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The RWPGM welcomed all Brethren to the meeting and thanked the RWM and Brethren of Lodge St Andrew No 518 for the use of their Temple.

**PRESENT**

Those present were RWPGM, Bro William G Grant, Dep PGM, Bro James D Park, Sub PGM., Bro R J Simpson, PG Secy Bro D. Nicol, PG Chaplain, Bro Ian Bain, PG Treasurer Bro A Reid and other Brethren as per Attendance Book.

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from RWM and WSW Forbes 67, RWM and Wardens, 267, Wardens 1055, RWM, & Wardens 1084, RWM and Wardens 1188, Wardens 56, Wardens Ugie 939, Wardens 197, RWM and Wardens 1244, Br D Hutcheon, Bro Mark Wemyss, Bro David Wemyss, Bro T McIvor, RWM and Wardens 1087 Wardens 256 Bro D Mitchell PG

**MINUTE**

The Minute of the last regular Communication held on the 16<sup>th</sup> June having previously been electronically disseminated was confirmed and signed on a proposal by PG Chaplain Bro R Simpson and seconded by Bro N Daniel. The Minute of the Memorial Service to PPGM Bro James Grubb having been transmitted electronically was approved on a proposal by Bro Simpson and seconded by Bro Daniel and duly signed.

**MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the minutes

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was read from Grand Lodge of Scotland relating to

- 1) Mark Grand Loge National de France. A letter was received from GMM informing the PGLAE of the problems of the Mark Grand Loge National de France and that The GLS was no longer in amity with this grand lodge.
- 2) Obituary Notice for Bro Gabriel Jerdan, Past Depute Grand Master Mason who had passed to Grand Lodge Above.
- 3) A letter was read concerning Caring and Sharing project and a request for a total of the monies raised by the Lodges under the PGLAE.
- 4) Festival of St Andrew. As well as a letter relating to the intimation of the Festival of St Andrews and the availability of tickets at £50 each, An email was read intimating that tickets were still available.
- 5) A letter was read intimating the Grand Lodge Carol Service led by the Phoenix Choir with music played on the refurbished Grand Lodge Pipe Organ.
- 6) A letter from Grand Secretary intimating the 2000 club. For the cost of £1 per month there is the possibility of winning sums of £25 up to £600,

Correspondence was read from the following Provincial Grand Lodges;

- 1) PGL Aberdeen City –from PG Secy Bro Neave regretting that the RWPGM Bro John Muirhead and Office Bearers were unable to attend the Aberdeenshire East Interprovincial Meeting at Lodge Ythan 892
- 2) PGL of Edinburgh outlining the Minute of the last regular communication

- 3) PGLs of Banffshire Moray and Kincardineshire accepting the invitations to the Interprovincial Meeting at Ythan
- 4) Provincial Grand Lodge of Aberdeenshire West inviting the RWPGM and Office Bearers to an Interprovincial Kirk Service in June

#### Other Correspondence

- 1) Letters of gratitude had been received from SANDS, CLAN and MacMillan Nurses for the donations received from the Caring and Sharing Project.
- 2) Correspondence was also read regarding Insurance Policy renewal.
- 3) Correspondence was read from Aberdeenshire Council re gaming licence. A fee of £20 was requested to renew this licence.
- 4) A letter had been received from Prof N'Dow of Aberdeen University who has helped set up Horizons Trust to build a women's hospital in the Gambia where there is a high infant mortality rate and high rate of intra and post-partum complications with consequential maternal morbidity. Bro Reid proposed and Bro Nicol seconded that £50 be donated. This was carried.

### ROLL OF LODGES

The Roll of Lodges was called and all Lodges were represented except Lodges 1188.

### PROVINCIAL 1000 CLUB

The draw for the 1000 club was undertaken and the winners were;

- £100- No 481 P & M Bruce Lodge 939
- £ 50- No 237 Forbes 67
- £ 25- No 74 Forbes 67

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following Office Bearers were Obligated by Substitute PGM R Simpson and invested;

### REIGNING MASTERS DEGREE

The Reigning Master's Degree is to be arranged for Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm and a letter has been sent to Grand Lodge of Scotland to invite Grand Master Mason who has been most pleased to accept. He shall attend with Grand Secretary.

### PROPOSED PROVINCIAL EDUCATION EVENT/ROAD SHOW

Bro Bain gave a short presentation on the Masonic Messenger outlining its aims and objectives and requested that as much information be forwarded to him for inclusion as possible.

Bro Bain outlined the proposed Educational Day event to be organised later in the year when it was hoped Bro Bob Cooper, Librarian of Grand Lodge, PM of Lodge Sir Robert Moray 1641 and current WM of Lodge

It is anticipated that this event will be informative to new and established brethren alike. As well as education the Education Group would give information on Masonic Websites, Educational sites, Masonic Suppliers, and Masonic Events, Social Clubs etc. Support and suggestions were requested

### PROPOSED PROVINCIAL RELIEF FUND

A proposed provincial relief fund was discussed. It was suggested that fund raising events be arranged by PGLAE and Lodges to set up a fund which could be used to assist Lodges facing unexpected high costs eg roof repairs etc. This was accepted in principal by all Lodges and the fund is to be organised. Bro Brown announced that the Masonic Bike Run had raised £140 which would be given to the fund. The RWPGM thanked the Bikers for their efforts and generosity

### PROPOSED CANDIDATE CARING & SHARING

The RWPGM announced that the GMMs idea of Caring and Sharing should be extended to the work of the Lodges. It was recognised that some Lodges have not had any candidates for some time which would have a negative effect on the

office bearers and financial status of the Lodges and also reduce the amount of visitors. Some Lodges however have several candidates necessitating doubling and special degrees etc. It was felt that if Lodges with candidates could occasionally lend a candidate to Lodges without candidates which could have some positive effects. It was felt that this would only apply to second, mark and occasionally third degrees. The benefits would be;

- Motivate Office Bearers by giving them the opportunity of working on “live” Candidates
- To increase visiting when donating Lodges visited receiving Lodges. It is also hoped that outside brethren would be more likely to visit if “live” candidates were involved
- Give Lodges the opportunity to improve finances with increased collections from visitors etc

Bro Nicol PGSecy undertook to write up a protocol for the Masonic Caring and Sharing project.

### **PROVINCIAL CARDS**

Bro Nicol announced that Provincial Get Well, Sympathy and Christmas Cards would be produced. Art work was developed by Past Master Bro James Taylor who had designed the Provincial Grand Lodge of Aberdeenshire East logo. The RWPGM thanked Bro Taylor for his excellent work.

### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY & KIRK EVENTS**

It was announced that there had been some problems recently regarding Church Related events and in particular the Remembrance Parades. One Lodge had received a letter from the Minister banning regalia from the Church at the Remembrance Service. Bro Nicol has discussed the matters with Grand Secretary and other Grand Lodge Office Bearers and the matter is to be dealt with at that level. The RWPGM advised that Lodges could wear regalia at the Cenotaphs when laying wreaths but that they should comply with requests that regalia be removed before entering the Church. Attendance at Remembrance Services and wreath laying by Lodges is to be encouraged however.

### **TRAVELLING TROWEL**

Travelling trowel is currently at Keith No 56. It has certainly been travelling more this year representing an increase of visiting.

### **GRAND COMMITTEE**

Bro Nicol stated that he was attending Grand Committee regularly and also the Benevolence committee.

### **CHARITY EVENTS**

Bro Brown informed PGL of the £440 raised by the Masonic Bikers who undertook a bike run in August. He discussed future possibilities including extended runs with overnight stays and possibly also undertaking degrees etc in distant Lodges. Bro Kerslake of Lodge Inversaintcairn No 1278 announced that he was to undertake a sponsored swim at Fraserburgh pool with equal donations from the proceeds to go to “Fighting for Sight” and Inversaintcairn Lodge Roof Repair Fund.

### **COLLECTION**

The collection amounted to £71.82

**AOCB**

RWM Bro Alex Thomson of Lodge of Fraserburgh No 1055 thanked the RWPGM and Provincial Grand Secretary Bro D Nicol for assisting his visit to Lodge Konigsberg of Norway. He had received a very warm and cordial welcome and was asked to return the same to The PGL and Lodges of Aberdeenshire East on his return. The Lodge had been founded in 1808 with the assistance of Scottish Lodges, the founding RWM and Wardens having been Scottish Masons and the first Secretary had been a Bro Thomson!!.

An invitation has been received to attend the unveiling of the SANDS Memorial at Aden Park on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Bro Bain asked for information on the Lodge Social Calendar for the rest of the session so it can be announced on Messenger to reduce clashes of events. Bro Bain also announced the formation of the Masonic Choir in Aberdeen. It is anticipated that a CD will be produced as well as a concert on 23<sup>rd</sup> March to raise monies for the Aberdeen City Masonic Temple on Crown Street.

**CLOSING**

The labours of the evening having ended in Peace and Harmony Provincial Grand Lodge was closed by the RWPGM, Bro William Grant in Due and Antient form.

**RWPGM**

**WPGSecy**