

# The Provincial Grand Chapter of Angus & Mearns



Newsletter No.1 (October 2017)

## Provincial Grand Chapter Commissioned Office-Bearers are: -

Grand Superintendent	Edward Bonnar	Broughty Castle No.423
Depute Grand Supt.	Gordon Smith	Operative No.459
Depute Grand Supt.	Donald Downie	Hope No.9
Provincial Grand H.	Robert Wishart	Progress No.421
Provincial Grand J.	George Milne	Camperdown No.271
Provincial Grand Scribe E	Colin Warden	Ancient No.470
Provincial Grand Scribe N	Ken Hepburn	Operative No.459

## Elective Office-Bearers 2017 – 2018

Treasurer	James G Robertson	Ancient No.470
Recorder	James A Young	Operative No.459
Chancellor	Gordon T Duncan	Union No.6
1 <sup>st</sup> Sojourner	Thomas Lloyd	Enoch No.3
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sojourner	Steven Middleton	Enoch No.3
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sojourner	James McAulay	Union No.6
Sword Bearer	Michael Milne	Hope No.9
Director of Ceremonies	Peter Moir	Albert No.503
Ass Director of Ceremonies	Albert Findlay	Operative No.459
Superintendent of Works	William Hunter	Elijah No.12
1 <sup>st</sup> Standard Bearer	John Glen	Hope No.9
2 <sup>nd</sup> Standard Bearer	John Roy	St David No.164
3 <sup>rd</sup> Standard Bearer	Neville Stewart	Camperdown No.271
4 <sup>th</sup> Standard Bearer	Grant Thomson	Enoch No.3
Organist	William Rattray	Ancient No.470
President of Stewards	Harry Conway	Victory No.449
1 <sup>st</sup> Steward	David Marra	Union No.6
2 <sup>nd</sup> Steward	Ryan Henderson	Union No.6
3 <sup>rd</sup> Steward	Sidney Turner	Hope No.9
4 <sup>th</sup> Steward	Patrick Regan	Albert No.503
5 <sup>th</sup> Steward	George Leaburn	St David No.164
6 <sup>th</sup> Steward	John Harper	Ancient No.470
7 <sup>th</sup> Steward	Steven Alexander	Camperdown No.271

**It is the duty of all Elected Office-Bearers to attend all meetings, it is also the duty of all Principals of Chapters in the Province to attend these meetings, where this is not possible all apologies must be lodge with the Provincial Grand Scribe E timeously.**

### The latest gossip.

We are now about to advance into our new session of the year and have already started to do installations. We started this on 23<sup>rd</sup> August when along with MEC Bill Beckers we carried out the chair degrees for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Principals of the Province in Chapter Victory and I am happy so say this was a well-attended event.

We have several installations to carry out in the Province this year and these will be carried out again by myself MEC Bill McEwan and MEC Bill Beckers and we would be glad to see as many Companions at these as possible. The Grand Superintendent has intimated that he or his representative will be present at these installation ceremonies.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland held a clay pigeon shooting contest at the home of the Grand Master Mason in Ellon and this was won by Angus & Mearns, Supreme have given permission to hold this as an annual event and it will be competed for next year at Errol.

We also held the Installation of our new Grand Superintendent MEC Edward R. Bonnar of Chapter Broughty Castle No. 423, who has taken over the reigns of the Province from myself and I am sure that I speak on behalf of all the Companions in the Province when I wish him well over the next 5 years of his term in office.

As many of you will be aware we are very keen for Chapters to undertake their own Installation ceremonies and it is good to see that Strathmore No.19 is to take up the mantel this year and we will go along and support them and assist if required.

I would also like to congratulate MEC Colin Warden for his excellent contribution to the installation ceremony at Chapter Victory No.449 and it is great to see that he is keen to take part and we all look forward to seeing him in action again in his own Mother Chapter Ancient No.470.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> November the Grand Superintendent and myself along with our good ladies and 12 other Companions are to visit Gibraltar, during this visit we are to attend two Lodge meetings and the Installation of St Thomas Royal Arch Chapter No.168 S.C.

The next important date for your diaries Companions is the Meeting of Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. This is held in the Grand Lodge, George Street, Edinburgh, on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December @ 2 p.m. and please note that it is the duty of all **PRINCIPALS TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.**

I would also like to bring to your attention that it is the Grand Superintendents intention to do a number of visits within and out-with the Province and he would be delighted to see as many of his office-bearers as possible on these visits.

### Installation of the First Grand Principal of Scotland.

Companions I am sure that you are all aware by now that all going according to plan the Canon JJ Morrow is to be installed as the next First Grand Principal of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland and I think this occasion would be great for to get as many Companions from the Province of Angus & Mearns to make the trip to Edinburgh to witness his Installation. If each of our Chapters could get at least 3 Companions to attend, then we could have around 50 Companions from the Province in attendance.

I have not spoken to the Grand Superintendent regarding this matter, but I feel sure if we get sufficient names then we would be able to get a bus, so please give this great consideration Companions. If you are going to attend, then you would need to purchase a dinner ticket from Supreme. The date of the installation is 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

## A few words from our Grand Superintendent; MEC Edward R Bonnar.

Companions, this is the first newsletter produced by MEC Gordon Ross which he will endeavour to publish quarterly. The purpose being to keep us all up to date with what is going on within and outwith the province.

One of the things I am very keen to promote is better communication between the Provincial Grand Chapter, our daughter chapters and companions so I hope with this newsletter and our website [www.pgracam.org](http://www.pgracam.org) and the assistance of the Scribes we will be better able to keep you all up date with what is going on within the province, the chapters and our sister provinces. I would also like to see a discussion forum included to give you all an opportunity to have your say, so will be discussing with Gordon how best to take this suggestion forward. Can I ask all Scribes to ensure those companions without internet access are also kept up to date and made aware of Gordon's newsletters.

Please feel free to contact Gordon on [ross.g4@sky.com](mailto:ross.g4@sky.com), the webmaster Iain McIntosh on [idmac486@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:idmac486@blueyonder.co.uk) with any news, activities or comments, which might be of interest to the companions.

My kind regards,

Eddie Bonnar  
Grand Superintendent of Angus and Mearns

## Elective Office-Bearers

Elective Office-Bearers are selected from the Chapters throughout the Province and it is always the intention to select from as many of the Chapters as possible. We still have a few Chapters that do not have representatives on Provincial Grand Chapter and it would be wonderful to get a representative from each Chapter and that is what we strive to obtain.

The Chapters that do not have representatives are as follows; Noah No.7, Strathmore No.19, Thistle Operative No.416, Progress No.421, Broughty Castle No.423 and Victory No.449. As you can see a third of the Chapters are not represented and the Grand Superintendent is very keen to see those Chapters represented on Provincial Grand Chapter, so if you think that you can spare the time to become a member of Provincial Grand Chapter please notify the Provincial Grand Scribe E or any member of Provincial Grand Chapter Committee.

Gordon D Ross,  
Past Grand Superintendent.

From the Provincial Grand Scribe E's desk;

Any relevant items from the Provincial Grand Scribe E

### **Chapter Meetings in the Province**

Date	Chapter	Town/City	Provincial Visit	Installation	Months
First Monday	Union No.6	Dundee	February	September	Sept to May
First Tuesday	Haran No.8	Inverbervie	November	October	Sept to April
First Thursday	Albert No.503	Dundee	December	September	Sept to May
Second Monday	Noah No.7	Brechin	March	September	Sept, Nov, Jan, March
Second Tuesday	Enoch No.3	Montrose	January	September	Sept to April
Second Tuesday	Thistle Operative No.459	Dundee	December	September	Sept to May
Second Wednesday	Progress No.421	Dundee	February	October	Sept to May
Second Wednesday	Victory No.449	Monifieth	December	September	Sept to April
Second Thursday	St David No.164	Dundee	March	October	Sept to May
Third Monday	Hope No.9	Arbroath	December	September	Sept to March
Third Monday	Elijah No.12	Forfar	March	October	Sept to April
Third Tuesday	Camperdown No.271	Dundee	February	September	Sept to April
Third Tuesday	Broughty Castle No.423	Dundee	January	October	Sept to May
Third Wednesday	Strathmore No.19	Glamis	November	October	Sept to March
Fourth Monday	Operative No.459	Dundee	February	October	Sept to May
Fourth Thursday	Ancient No.470	Dundee	November	September	Sept to May

Also in the Province we have 6 Lodge & Councils and 4 Cryptic Councils, three of the L&C are situated in Dundee, one in Forfar and one in Montrose and one in Arbroath,

The CC have 2 in Dundee one in Forfar and one in Montrose.

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The Cryptic Councils are; Enoch No.3 Elijah No.12, Camperdown No.271 and Broughty Castle No.423.

For further information on these Orders please see the annual year book or contact Provincial Grand Scribe E.