

**CONSECRATION OF
LODGE GRANGE NO. 1073**

<p>Special Meeting 12th Oct 1910</p> <p>Erection & Consecration of Lodge Grange</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Minute of Special Meeting of P.G. Lodge of Forfarshire</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Held within the hall of Lodge Grange No. 1073,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">High Street, Monifieth</p> <p style="text-align: center;">On Wednesday, 12th October 1910 at 7.15 p.m.</p>
	<p>The meeting was called in terms of the following Special circular addressed to each member of P.G. Lodge.</p>
<p>Circular</p>	<p>21 Market Place Arbroath 3rd October 1910</p> <p>Dear Sir and Brother</p> <p>By direction of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire, I request your attendance at a special meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, to be held within the Hall of Lodge Grange No. 1073, High Street, Monifieth, on the evening of Wednesday, 12th current, at 7.15 o'clock, for the purpose of erecting and consecrating Lodge Grange, and for the installation of office bearers thereof.</p> <p>The Ceremony of Consecration will commence promptly at 7.15, and Brethren are requested to be in their places not later than 7 o'clock. The Tyler's Book will be in the anti-room, for signature, at 6.45, and each brother must sign before entering the hall. A programme of the Ceremony will be handed to each Brother on entering.</p> <p>The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master desire the attendance of as large a representation from each Lodge as possible.</p> <p>Yours fraternally A.C. Anderson Provincial Grand Secretary of Forfarshire.</p>
<p>Chair</p> <p>Oration by P.G. Chaplain</p>	<p>Brother Ex-Provost Stewart, P.G. Master presided and there was a very large attendance of Brethren from all the Lodges in the Province, for particulars of which see Tyler's book.</p> <p>P.G. Lodge was opened in the First Degree, Passed to the Second and Raised to the Third Degree, and the Consecration Ceremony, which was of a very impressive nature, was then proceeded with.</p> <p>After prayer had been offered by the P.G. Chaplain a passage of Scripture was read. P.G. Chaplain delivered an eloquent Oration in the course of which he said that Freemasonry, taken as a whole, possessed a large share of the higher and more attractive virtues of human nature. Not only that, but the genius of the Order itself, its ritual, its symbolism, and its organisation, were eminently calculated to promote the interests of pure and undefiled religion</p>

	<p>and to pave the way for that purification and reform of the Christian Faith for which so many earnest minds in our era were ardently longing. They could not sufficiently magnify the importance of their position as members of that venerable Order, and he congratulated the Burgh of Monifieth in giving a local habitation and a name to those Masonic virtues that, he had no doubt, had existed silently in the breasts of its inhabitants, by the erection of the youngest Lodge in Scotland, Grange 1073.</p>																												
Consecration Ceremony	<p>The Consecration of the Hall was then proceeded with according to ancient custom – The P.G. Master dedicating the Lodge by pouring corn, wine and oil upon the floor. The Charter of Lodge Grange was then produced to the meeting, and was read by the P.G. Secretary.</p> <p>The Jewels and Clothing of Lodge Grange were delivered to the P.G. Master, and the R.W. Master and other Office-Bearers were presented by the P.G. Director of Ceremonies.</p> <p>The minutes of Lodge Grange with reference to the appointment of the various Office-Bearers were held as read, and the P.G. Director of Ceremonies proclaimed Lodge Grange.</p>																												
Office Bearers	<p>After the usual Hymns and Anthems, P.G. Lodge was lowered to the First Degree, and the P.G. Master asked the Brethren if they approved of the election of the following Office-Bearers: -</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="402 940 1304 1438"> <tr> <td>Right Worshipful Master</td> <td>James Ruxton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Depute Master</td> <td>J. Robertson Watson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Substitute Master</td> <td>John Vair</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Senior Warden</td> <td>R.H. Adams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Junior Warden</td> <td>C. Nicholson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>D.M. Stirton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>A. Burns Petrie</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chaplain</td> <td>Rev D.D. McLaren, B.D.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Senior Deacon</td> <td>C.S. Morrison</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Junior Deacon</td> <td>C.H. Taylor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Steward</td> <td>James Doig</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inner Guard</td> <td>David Dorward</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tyler</td> <td>E. Alexander</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>The same having been approved, the P.G. Director of Ceremonies presented Brother Ruxton, the Master Elect of Lodge Grange for installation.</p>	Right Worshipful Master	James Ruxton	Depute Master	J. Robertson Watson	Substitute Master	John Vair	Senior Warden	R.H. Adams	Junior Warden	C. Nicholson	Secretary	D.M. Stirton	Treasurer	A. Burns Petrie	Chaplain	Rev D.D. McLaren, B.D.	Senior Deacon	C.S. Morrison	Junior Deacon	C.H. Taylor	Steward	James Doig	Inner Guard	David Dorward	Tyler	E. Alexander		
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Charges Read	<p>P.G. Master directed the P.G. Secretary to read the usual charges and regulations to the newly elected Master, and after this was done he asked the Master elect if he was willing to subscribe to them. Having been so assured, the P.G. Master administered the Oath and Obligation in due form.</p>																												
Proclamation of R.W.M.	<p>P.G. Lodge was then raised to the Third Degree and the newly elected Master was proclaimed by the P.G. Director of Ceremonies from the East, West and South and duly saluted by the brethren, P.G. Lodge being lowered to the Second and then to the First Degree. The other Office Bearers with the exception of Brothers Major John Vair and R.H. Adams, were then duly</p>																												

	installed and invested with the insignia of their respective offices.
P.G. Master's Address	<p>The P.G. Master in addressing the Brethren said that he congratulated Lodge Grange on having such an efficient Mason for their first Master as Brother Ruxton, and he believed that, under his fostering care the Lodge would be led to great prosperity.</p> <p>He congratulated Brother Ruxton on his election as Master, and expressed the opinion that no member of the Craft present had ever seen a Lodge started under more auspicious circumstances. It was quite apparent that the work was being carried on with great enthusiasm, and he believed there was a great future for Lodge Grange. He also congratulated the other Office-Bearers on their election.</p>
Close	Brother Ruxton returned thanks, and P.G. Lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.
	<p>Signed – David Stewart, P.G. M.</p> <p>Signed – A.C. Anderson, P.G. Secretary</p>

