Secretarial Report Session 2025-26
Bro. Robert Davidson PM DSM

What's another year? Well plenty it seems and much to celebrate within our eight regular meetings. We've been pleased to welcome Bro. Chesney into our ancient lodge. Moreover our EC friends demonstrated at the harmony how they typically welcome Entered Apprentices in their Province with the rhyme & song whilst linking arms. We've steadily worked through our ceremonies broadly in line with the projected syllabus which was approved at the resumption of the session in September last. We also welcomed Bro. Darren Burton & Bro. Brain Hamilton as affiliate members into our lodge and they have already been helping us with our ceremonies and filling offices.

More to celebrate when Bro. Alex' Watson Anderson received his 50 year diploma in the lodge presented by our Provincial Grand Master and he was also presented with a commemorative 50 years service jewel from the lodge. Our Golden boy for the session and longest serving member in regular attendance. In his 50th year taking up a trustee office in November as elected as our Jnr Warden.

The installation went ahead much to the relief of the brethren and the Installing Master in no small thanks to Bro. Burton who came off of shift to attend the lodge and allow us to be quorate that the ceremony might go ahead. The installation itself was carried out by PM Bro. Rodney Berg DSM in his customary efficient and flawless manner aided by Hon Member Bro. Jim Finnie as IDoC. On that same evening, we welcome Bro. Allan Dishington into the lodge (a former member) who had since settle down-south and joined the English Constitution. He invested our Master with his Jewel at the invitation of Bro. Berg.

Further on in the year we observed a very moving memorial service conducted by PM Bro. Berg in respect of Past Masters Bro. Alex McDonald and Bro. Dale Paterson as well as Bro. Bob Winton and Bro. James Stevenson whom we learned of his passing through his family contacting us via our website. The service was enhanced by the musical talents of Bro. Robert Atkison PPG-Organist (East Lothian & Berwickshire as was) and our Honorary Member Bro. Rev Andrew Paterson who conducted the funeral services for Brothers Winton & Paterson too who reflected on our brothers service to the Craft & Province.

Bro Mike McAdams WSPGM headed the deputation into our lodge during the occasion of their annual visit and reflected on the examination of books and offered thanks to the brethren covering those posts. He joined us again as a visitor to deliver a lecture walk-through of the First Degree later in the year which the brethren heartedly enjoyed.
The Grand Lodge database has had a couple of gremlins again putting it out of commission for a short period. We've heard by way of communication a proposal to increase our per-head fee again for the year ahead.

Towards the end of our season, we finished on a high again by welcoming Brothers Brian Rumgay & David Myles both of Lodge St Michaels 246 as Honorary members. Furthermore following many many years of service to our lodge, our longest serving member in the offices of Deacons .
Brother Stewart David Crabb with his crutches under-arm was presented on the floor of the lodge with a Distinguished Service Membership Diploma. Well done Stewart! .

Regular Meetings	8	Average Attendance	18
Entrants	1	Affiliates	2

Lodges visited or attended by St Ayles were reported as follows; 19, 25, 83, 91, 185, 246, 809, 877, 1240 & 1292 within our Province & PGLF&K as well as; 1biz, 23, 24, 32, 70, 104, 111, 132, 216, 262, 280, 424, 1884 (Scottish Borders) 1063 (Midlothian) and 2291 EC

Similarly then we've been able to welcome visitors from lodge 19, 26, 35, 83, 185, 246, 540, 809, 877, 1059, 1240, 1260 & 1292 from within our Province and we've also had visitors from 850 Craiginan (Strilingshire) as well as 1101EC (London) and our friends at 2291 EC Castleberg (Yorks West Riding).