

To all Lodges in the Aberdeen area.

Can you please read this at your next meeting, place on your lodge notice board or website and if you have an e-mail list can you also send this to your members.

Choir recruiting drive

The Aberdeen Masonic Choir has been running for over two years and at its height had around thirty members. The choir was set up from an idea of Bryan Neave, Lodge Sons of the Soil 1451, to raise funds for the temple on Crown Street Aberdeen. There were members from the four adjoining provinces: Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire East, Aberdeenshire West and Kincardineshire, they cut a CD and have raised over £4,000 already.

The choir have performed at two Christmas carol services in the temple Aberdeen, twice at a third degree for Lodge Solomon 179 in Fraserburgh and at a tree lighting ceremony in 2014 for St Andrew lodge 228 in Inch. Last year they sang at a Brother's wedding and at a memorial service on Remembrance Sunday for Lodge Brimmond1535.

Over the last year the numbers attending have dwindled. The numbers since cutting the CD have dropped from 27 to about 12, so we are now looking to recruit more members. The main reason for this drive is the choir has been invited to sing in Iceland in 2016 and to be able to reach this goal will take some commitment from the members both old and new. We meet about once a month normally, but in the lead up to an event there may be an increase in the amount of practices.

You do not have to have a voice like Pavarotti. If you can sing, that would be a bonus. Enthusiasm and a certain degree of commitment is required, but having fun and enjoying the practices is uppermost.

The choir are now practicing singing some Scottish tunes with a view to having more than just hymns in their repertoire.

It would be a shame to see the choir fold having achieved so much. If you would like to come along and swell our numbers, our next practice will be on Sunday 26 April 2015 at 2 pm till 4 pm.

If you are not able to make that date but would like to offer your future support, please contact david.armstrong25@gmail.com or through your lodge secretary to the email that sent you this.

So even if you are not sure you have a voice but would like to lend your support please turn up.

The Aberdeen Masonic Choir.