

# FREEMASONS' HALL ABERDEEN

## HELP SAVE IT



These photographs are of *Freemasons' Hall*. This building is not only the pride of the Masonic Fraternity in the City of Aberdeen, Scotland, but is considered to be among the finest, if not actually *the* finest, purpose built building devoted entirely to Freemasonry within the Scottish Masonic Constitution. It is situated in a preservation area in central Aberdeen and has been Grade B listed inside and out, by Historic Environment Scotland. Purpose built of granite (*it is of course in the Granite City*) it's doors were opened for the first time in December 1910 and all of the craftsmen employed, both inside and out, were local. The archives and artefacts it contains date from the late 17th century and are a treasure of the social history of the City of Aberdeen.

Visitors from all over the world are quite literally stunned at this amazing building, and the beautiful halls it contains. They marvel at the skill of the Aberdonians who built and adorned it and has often been described as Aberdeen's hidden jewel. The photographs will give you a tiny view of the marble, wood-panelling, carvings and ornate plasterwork of the beautiful interior.



However to preserve the interior there must be a sound exterior and time and tide hae taken their toll.

A recent survey has shown serious problems with the roof parapets and chimney stacks which have to be dealt with urgently. The Corona Virus Lockdown has caused the Halls to close, resulting in absolutely no income. Despite submitting applications for Covid-19 relief, which is issued by the Scottish Government and controlled by our City Council, absolutely NO support has been forthcoming and the last reserves are just about exhausted, mainly due to having to pay Business Rates (local building taxes). The financial burden is now greater than can be sustained and there is a very real possibility, that without **YOUR** help this superb edifice and its archives will be lost to Aberdeen for ever.



This appeal has therefore been launched asking for your help to preserve this iconic Aberdeen Landmark.

**Please** help to save this this magnificent building by donating whatever you can at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/harry-petrie-2>

Should you wish to become a *Friend of Freemasons' Hall* and make regular donations email at :

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Anything that you may care to give will be gratefully received and, I guarantee, faithfully applied.