



## ABERDEEN CONFERENCE 2020 PROGRAMME

### THURSDAY 14 MAY

7.00PM Aberdeen Circle 950th Meeting & Dinner  
Cophthorne Hotel

### FRIDAY 15 MAY

6.00PM Communal Meal  
Beach Ballroom

8.00PM Welcome & Civic Reception  
Beach Ballroom

### SATURDAY 16 MAY

9.30am Annual Conference  
Beach Ballroom

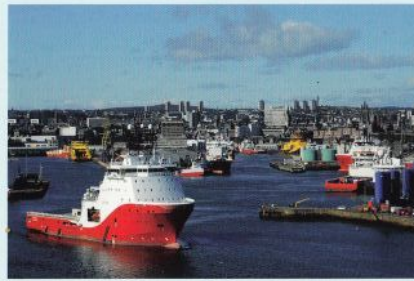
10.00am Ladies Tours

6.30pm Gala Dinner & Dance  
Beach Ballroom

### SUNDAY 17 MAY

11.15am Solemn High Mass  
St. Mary's Cathedral

1.30pm Farewell Lunch  
Cophthorne Hotel

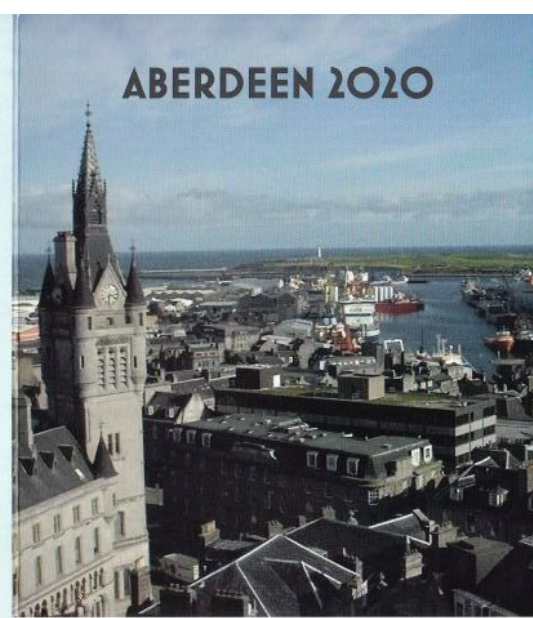


## A WARM WELCOME TO ABERDEEN 'THE SILVER CITY BY THE SEA' 2020 CONFERENCE

The Brothers of Aberdeen Circle extend a warm Scottish Invitation to the fourth Great Britain National Conference to be held for the first time in Aberdeen, and only the second time in Scotland. Province 22 and the Aberdeen Brothers have been working hard to ensure that you have a most enjoyable and memorable time during your stay in the 'Granite City'. Aberdeen and the surrounding region has so many attractions that you may wish to stay longer than the conference weekend. The area boasts 55 golf courses, 263 castles, 8 distilleries and 5 ski centres, also some fine access routes to the North-east of Scotland and the Northern Isles.

For further information on Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire please visit  
[www.visitabdn.com](http://www.visitabdn.com)

[www.thecatenians.com](http://www.thecatenians.com)



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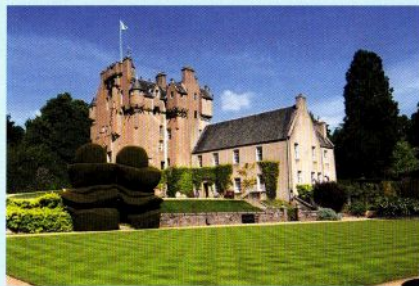
*Strengthening family life  
through friendship and faith*

## CATENIAN ASSOCIATION GREAT BRITAIN NATIONAL CONFERENCE

15-17 MAY 2020

**BON ACCORD**

HAPPY TO MEET, SORRY TO PART,  
HAPPY TO MEET AGAIN



## ABERDEEN & ABERDEENSHIRE

Aberdeenshire stretches from "one of the last great places on earth" (the Cairngorms) to "one of the world's top-rated coastlines". So says National Geographic. And The Scotsman (one of Scotland's national newspapers) calls its city of Aberdeen – where ships dock right up against the city-centre streets and dolphins leap in the busy North Sea harbour – "one of the most architecturally distinctive in Europe".

It's a place of big skies and wide horizons, loved for its fresh clear air and the quality of its light. In summer, days are near endless, sunsets stretch out, darkness is brief. In winter, nights are deep and long and starry – and on occasion spectacularly lit by the Northern Lights. Here, mainland Scotland sees its first light of each new day. Trillions of tiny crystals glint in granite walls. And ninety-nine stone circles are aligned to the standstill moon. You could call this True North.

You can still hear words from an original Scots language – Doric – and feel its distinctive culture alive in its genial "couthie" people and its "affa fine" traditions – not least the fiddle-playing, the bothy ballads and the highland gatherings. Doric is in the warp and weave of this selfreliant place ... a place that's used to being off the tourism track, known rather as a seat of learning and for its natural resources – its granite, its oil, its fish, its beef, and its whisky. You could call this True Scotland.



## ATTRACTIONS

The city of Aberdeen boasts a range of attractions that a short visit may not satisfy. Why not consider extending your stay and explore more of Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire.

### ABERDEEN

From the cobbled streets of Old Aberdeen with its historic university campus to the traditional fishing village of Footdee, Aberdeen has a range of beautiful areas to explore. See St. Machar's Cathedral, Marischal College and Aberdeen Town House.

### PARKS & GARDENS

Aberdeen is a city of parks and gardens. Find time to visit the popular Johnson Gardens, Duthie Park, Winter Gardens and Cruickshank Botanical Gardens

### MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

Visit Provost Skene House, Aberdeen Art Gallery, The Tollbooth Museum, The Maritime Museum, Blair's Museum and the Gordon Highlanders Museum.

### CASTLES

A range of coastal castles to ornate country stately homes are run by the National Trust for Scotland. These include Drum, Crathes, Craigievar, Fraser, Fyvie and Haddo. Explore Royal Deeside and the Queens summer home at Balmoral.



## ACCOMMODATION

The main conference hotel is the Double Tree by Hilton City Centre which is 400 yards from the Beach Ballroom where all our activities for the weekend take place. The Beach Ballroom is directly on the iconic Aberdeen beach promenade.

Aberdeen is a compact city with a range of hotels to suit all budgets located within a short distance to the Beach Ballroom.

Other suggested hotels include: Jury's Inn Union Square; Cophthorne Hotel; Park Inn Aberdeen; Malmaison and The Chester Hotel

## TRANSPORT LINKS

Aberdeen is well connected by air, rail and road.

With 62 UK flights per day to Aberdeen International Airport, a short 20 minute bus journey from Aberdeen city centre. There are direct flights to Aberdeen from London, Manchester, Birmingham, Bristol, Newcastle, Southampton, Norwich and Humberside.

Aberdeen railway station offers a range of rail services via West & East coast lines to Inverness, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Newcastle, York and London. The east coast railway line is known for its spectacular coastal views.

The city is well served by the motorway network with links to the M90 via the A90.