

Twelve Talk

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Meetings 2017-18

- * 05.09.17
Passing
- * 19.09.17
Nomination and Election of
Office Bearers
Members only
- * 03.10.17
Entering, and affiliation
- * 17.10.17
Passing
- * 07.11.17
Annual Meeting and
Passing
- * 21.11.17
Annual Installation at
615pm
- * 05.12.17
Annual Divine Service
- * 19.12.17
No meeting
- * Saturday 24.02.18
Annual Burns Supper at
630 for 7pm

Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII
The Saloon of the Town Hall, Greenock
Regular Meetings – 7.30pm 1st and 3rd Tuesdays – September to April
Summer Meeting – 1st Thursday in June

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Our next Meeting Tuesday 21st November 2017

The Annual Installation

Tuesday is the Annual Installation and we start early, at 615pm. **Bro Allan T Glen** will be reinstalled into the Chair of No XII. His Installing Masters are as they were last year viz. Bros Iain White, Ken MacDougall and Alan D Beck, all Past Masters of No XII.

After the ceremonial, there will be a complimentary dinner in the Town Hall. The purvey is, as always, by our president of Stewards Bro Tony Buckley so we may be assured a meal of the highest quality.

In being elected Master, Bro Glen follows in a long line of distinguished citizens who have previously held this office and he is very much looking forward to the challenge it represents. During his second term of office Bro Glen aims to continue the growth of the Lodge, further enhance its involvement in the community, continue its significant charitable work and support sister lodges in Scotland and beyond.

A native of Lanarkshire, Bro Glen moved to Boston to study at the prestigious Berklee College of Music after graduating from the University of Strathclyde. An accomplished and highly sought-after saxophonist, Bro Glen has toured extensively in Europe and America working with many different ensembles and artists.

Bro Glen is currently Curriculum Leader for Music & Sound Production at Edinburgh College, specialising in composition, orchestration and film scoring. He is also the Musical Director of the Edinburgh College Big Band. He has previously taught at Newcastle University and the University of Strathclyde.

A keen golfer, Bro Glen is a member of East Kilbride Golf Club and hopes to one day get his handicap down to scratch.



Bro Allan T Glen RWM-Elect



Our Previous Meeting - Tuesday 7th November

Passing by Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121

It was a special evening at No XII, when RWM Bro Malcolm A. Sinclair led in a deputation of 15 brethren of Lodge Crawfurdsburn to confer a Passing on Bro Nicol Rhodes. Over 30 brethren of No XII were already in the Lodge accompanied by many visitors who themselves were led by RWM Bro Alexander Bloomfield Wilson of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68. He was assisted by Bro David Stevenson, the relatively new RWM of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626.

Lodge Crawfurdsburn first worked a degree in No XII in April 1916, just under 3 years after its consecration. No Xii had been after No XII had conferred an entering at Crawfurdsburn the previous month. The relationship between the lodges was further cemented by a number of handsome gifts to No XII that are still in use today. Details of these interactions may be found in the section on extracts from our old minutes below.

Over the years Lodge Crawfurdsburn has come to be known for the quality of its floor work and we were not disappointed. Bro Nicol Rhodes received an excellent Passing and RWM Bro Malcolm A. Sinclair can be justifiably proud of the work of his whole team, himself included.



RWMs Allan T Glen and Malcom A Sinclair with the Deputation from Lodge Crawfurdsburn

We will remember them ...

It has become our custom each year to remember the brethren who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War, and whose names are on the memorial altar, by placing Poppy Crosses in the Garden of Remembrance in Edinburgh. This is sponsored by individual Lodge members. In addition to this £100 donation to Poppy Scotland, No XII always supports a services charity in the Annual Charity Drive. Also, for the past 5 years, the Lodge's RW Master has laid a wreath at the Greenock Cenotaph in the Wellpark at the Remembrance Sunday service. RW Master Bro Allan Glen did so this year on Sunday 12th November.

I have this from the RWM.

I've never heard a silence quite like it. Over the years I've found myself in London on Remembrance Sunday. Indeed, this year I was in London on Armistice Day itself. The city itself seems to stop for those two minutes at 11.00am. The whole of Britain seems to come to a standstill as we stop and remember. It is a profoundly humbling experience. Until this year, I have only ever been at Remembrance Day services as a bystander. As someone going about their daily business but who takes the time to stop and think and be truly grateful to those who made the ultimate sacrifice and to those who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces.

Taking the Chair of No XII has afforded me many wonderful experiences. Whether it be obligating a new candidate into Freemasonry, presenting a Jubilee Certificate or presenting a cheque to our charity beneficiaries. I have never been so truly humbled however than when the moment came to lay a poppy wreath at the Wellpark Cenotaph on behalf of the brethren of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII. The simple act of laying a wreath, stepping back and bowing in respect gives you just enough time to think that if these men had not fought for what was right, what was decent, what needed to be done, darkness would have prevailed.

Looking out over the magnificent view from Wellpark on that cold November day made me think of those lines of Burns:



*Many and sharp the num'rous ills
Inwoven with our frame!
More pointed still we make ourselves
Regret, remorse, and shame!
And Man, whose heav'n-erected face
The smiles of love adorn, -
Man's inhumanity to man
Makes countless thousands mourn!*

Bro Allan T Glen RWM

**RWM Bro Allan T. Glen with RWM Bro Malcolm A. Sinclair (Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No i 1121)
at the Wellpark Cenotaph, Greenock**



No XII Burns Supper – Entertainers Finalised Saturday 24th February 2018

The programme is just about finalised now. Bro Sandy Reddy, an Honorary Member of No XII and an evergreen of the No XII Burns Suppers, will deliver a couple of readings from the pen of the late Davie Bowie to add a little quirkiness to the proceedings. AS previously stated Bro

David Vennard will Propose the Toast to the Immortal Memory, Bro Kenny Wilson will Toast the Lassies and Bro Davie Docherty will deliver Tam 'o Shanter. Bro Alan D Beck PM will sing and the Lodge Piper, Bro Andrew Muir, will pipe in the haggis.

A great night is in store and bookings will be taken very soon by either Bro Alan D Beck PM or myself (Bro Iain White PM).

Digging into the Past

We are fortunate that our WSW, Bro Bob Crossan, has extensive skills in IT and we benefit from his generosity in applying these, and his time, on behalf of the Lodge. Bro bob looks after our website and a handsome one it is. From time to time, enquiries come to us via the No XII website, from hither and yon about a diverse selection of Masonic matters.

One such was from Dave Kinnaird. After some toing and froing, I was led to make contact with another Lodge – Lodge of Hope No 2183 (EC). The message I sent them sums up the research that we are involved in and it is reproduced here.

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Dear Bro McGaughey

My name is Iain White and I am a Past Master of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII in the Scottish Constitution. I am also the Lodge Archivist. I got your contact details from the Lodge of Hope website and I was wondering if you could help me with a query that I have. I got a contact through our own website by a Bro Dave Kinnaird, himself a Past Master of Lodge Nitshill No 1478 (SC). He was going through some of his father's papers and he came across a certificate and life member's certificate for a Bro. Ernest G. Bushell dated 1943/4, He had no idea why he would possess these as he had never heard him talking about Bro. Bushell or having a connection with No XII. I had never heard of this Brother.

I did some research and found that Bro Ernest George Bushell was Entered in No XII on 1st July 1943 at the age of 53. He was Passed on 21st September and Raised on 26th October. His birthplace was Bookham in Hampshire and his occupation is given as a Petty Officer RN. Of 38 entrants that year 14 had some connection with the Armed Forces and 7 of these had birthplaces beyond Scotland. It is likely that Bro Bushell joined No XII when stationed here during the hostilities as many did. There are no subsequent 'Bushell members'.

I hypothesized that Bro Kinnaird's father might have known him from some connection in the Forces? I then got this response from him. "Your information may just have made some sense of my dad's possession of these certificates as I had an uncle, Robert Wright, (my mother's brother) who joined the navy, I think just after the war, for his national service and got

married and settled in Portsmouth. He spent a long time in the south of England doing various jobs mainly in the hospitality industry before moving back to Scotland where he took on the role of chief steward in the Edinburgh Masonic Club in Leith. Sadly, he died in a car accident in 1977/8 and we had the unenviable task of clearing his home. As his masonic background was through the English constitution, and given his naval background I can only presume that these certificates were somehow part of his possession at that time. Unfortunately, there is no-one else from the era around to ask so I will just have to cling to my assumptions".

I then heard from Bro Kinnaird again. "I have done some digging on my uncle's masonic background. It appears that he was initiated into Lodge of Hope No. 2153 (which makes sense given his naval background) on the 17th February 1965 which surprised me a bit as I thought he was much longer serving than that, so a little more digging uncovered his initiation certificate which proved the date to be correct. It appears that he also had a connection to Aldershot Camp Lodge, he stayed in Aldershot for a while and of course that area has great military connections".

I have since met up with Bro Kinnaird and he has passed the certificates and the dress apron on to me.

We wonder if Bro Bushell met Bro Kinnaird's uncle (Bro Robert Wright) at Lodge Hope No 2153? Could I perhaps prevail upon you to do a little digging in your Lodge records and see if a Bro Ernest George Bushell ever attended or was affiliated to your Lodge and also look for Bro Robert Wright. Did they attend meetings at the same time?

Any information that you may be able to provide would be much appreciated.

With kindest fraternal regards,

Iain White

Past Master

Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII

I have yet to hear back from the Lodge of Hope.

The Way We Were

The Installation of Bro Campbell Barr as RWM - 1986

Last edition *Twelve Talk* brought the sad news that Esma, the wife of Past Master Bro Hugh Campbell Barr, had passed to her rest and reward. Now Bro Campbell is featured on a happier note. The photograph is from the *Greenock Telegraph* of November 1986. It relates to Bro Campbell's Installation as RW Master that year. Bro Peter Sinclair and yours truly are young lads on the way up, while Bros Alistair Glenny and Kenny Morrison, although Past Masters, are pretty fresh looking too. Sadly, Bros Wilson McCulloch and John Adamson now partake of their freemasonry in the Grand Lodge Above.



RWM Bro. H. Campbell Barr, third from right, is seen with, from left, Bro. Alistair Glenny, IPM; installing masters Bro. Kenneth Morrison, PM, and Bro. Wilson McCulloch, PM, Bro. Peter Sinclair, WSW, Bro. Iain White, WJW, and installing master Bro. John Adamson, PM.

No XII and The Scots Lodge No 2319 (EC)

The item and photos about the relationship between No XII and the Scots Lodge in London in the last Twelve Talk created a fair bit of interest. I was approached by 3 brethren at our last meeting to talk about the possibility of a visit down to see our friends at Scots in the New Year.

I got in touch with W Bros Paul Treadwell and Ian Rainford and discussions are now under way. The Scots Lodge has a Committee Meeting on 12th December and the proposed visit south by No XII will be on the Agenda. I hope to have details soon after this.

Monthly Draw

The 2017 Monthly Draw is well under way and payment is now being accepted. Treasurer Bro David Stevenson is keen that we support this handy fund raiser that is a great help with the day-to-day running costs of the Lodge.

Number(s) are available at £1 per number per month and there is no limit to the number and each entrant can have as many as they like! Payment can be made (1) by cash to Bro David (2) by cheque made payable to Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII - Social Fund (3) by internet banking to Bank RBS Sort Code 83-22-20 Account Number 10000509 as a one-off payment in multiples of £12 with the entrant's name shown in the payment reference box or (4) by standing order to same bank details as above for your chosen monthly amount.

Where possible Bro David will use the same numbers as in previous years unless asked otherwise.

Test and Capitation Fees

Test Fees are now due and £40 should be paid by any of the means above. **Capitation Fees** are £30 for Life Members (at their discretion). These may be paid by any of the means stated above for the Monthly Draw. Please note that the payment is to a different account if you are doing it online – 10000495. All other bank details are the same

From the old Minute Books of No XII

The excerpts from the Minutes alluded to above that speak of the developing relationship between No XII and Lodge Crawfurdsburn in the early years of 1121's existence.

Wednesday 8th March 1916

Bro J Grieve Graham, RW Master, in the Chair

EA Degree conferred at Lodge Crawfurdsburn

The RW Master stated that in response to an invitation from the RW Master of Lodge Crawfurdsburn No 1121, he had visited that Lodge accompanied by a number of Office Bearers on Friday 25 Feby. The work of the Lodge was taken over by the RWM and Office Bearers of Greenock Kilwinning who conferred the EA Degree on four candidates

Present of Contribution Box from Bro. of 1121

Bro Graham in referring to the fraternal feelings which existed between this Lodge and Lodge Crawfurdsburn expressed his appreciation for a contribution box he had been asked to accept on behalf of a member of Crawfurdsburn who wished to remain anonymous.

Wednesday 22nd March 1916

Bro J Grieve Graham, RW Master, in the Chair

Presentation of Mark Tools from Lodge Crawfurdsburn No1121

The RW Master expressed the pleasure it gave him to acknowledge another gift from Lodge Crawfurdsburn No 1121. On this occasion, it took the form of Mark Tools consisting of 4 Gavels, 3 Chisels, 3 Set Squares and 1 T Square.

Tuesday 25th April 1916

Bro J Grieve Graham, RW Master, in the Chair

Mark Degree conferred by Office Bearers of Lodge Crawfurdsburn No 1121

The RW Master received and welcomed the RW Master and Office Bearers of Lodge Crawfurdsburn No 1121 and handed over the working of the Lodge to Bro Jas Conlogue and the Office Bearers of Crawfurdsburn who had consented to confer the Mark Degree.

Reports on Visits

- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 19th October 2017 (Lecture by Poppy Scotland) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen and Bro Alan Beck PM
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 20th October 2017 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen, WJW Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Bob Bain PM, Bro David Martin, Bro McGill, Bro Norrie Frizzell and Bro Robert Marshall
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 23rd October 2017 (Passing) – attended by Bro David Stevenson and Bro David Martin
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 27th October 2017 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen, WSW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro David Martin and Bro Eddie McGill
- Greenock Wanderers RFC on 28th October 2017 (Sponsor's Day) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen, IPM Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Ken MacDougall PM, Bro David Stevenson and Bro David Ramage
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 29th October 2017 (Divine Service) – attended by Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alistair Glenney PM and Bro James Livingstone (RWPGM) Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 30th October 2017 (Entering) – attended by WSW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Alan Beck PM and Bro Iain MacLeod HM
- Lodge Pollok No 722 on 31st October 2017 (Mark) – attended by Bro Alan Beck PM and Bro Anthony Stewart HM
- Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121 on 3rd November 2017 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen, WSW Bro Bob Crossan, WJW Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Hector Macphail PM,

Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro David Stevenson, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro David Martin and Bro James Livingstone (RWPGM)

- Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow on 5th November 2017 (Divine Service) – attended by Bro Alan Beck PM and Bro Anthony Stewart HM
- The Prince's Lodge No 607 on 6th November 2017 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen, WSW Bro Bob Crossan, WJW Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Hector Macphail PM, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Iain White PM, Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro James Livingstone (RWPGM) and Bro Anthony Stewart HM (RWM 607)

On all occasions, Fraternal Greetings were exchanged. The RWM thanked the Brethren for their support.

Iain White PM
20.11.17

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