

# Twelve Talk

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## Meetings 2011-12

- \* 06.09.11  
Passing exemplification
- \* 20.09.11  
Nomination and Election of Office Bearers and Homecoming Curry evening; No XII members only
- \* 04.10.11  
Entering: Pipers' Degree by Lodge The Gael No 609 (Glasgow)
- \* 18.10.11  
Passing
- \* 01.11.11  
Raising
- \* 15.11.11  
Annual Meeting and Installation of Office Bearers at 630pm
- \* 06.12.11  
Entering
- \* 20.12.11  
Passing



**Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII**  
**The Saloon of the Town Hall, Greenock**  
**Regular Meetings – 7.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays – September to April**

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### Our next meeting

#### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, James McGregor Jr will be Initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Antient Freemasonry. James follows his Dad, Bro James McGregor Snr (our Jeweller) into No XII. The degree team is **Obligation** Bro Bob Bain RWM, **Secrets** Bro Iain White PM, **Apron** Bro Alan Beck WSW, **North East Corner** Bro Paul

Galbraith, **Working Tools** Bro Andrew Barton JD, **Tracing Board** Bro Ken MacDougall PM Secy and **Charge** Bro James S Adams PM SD

Bro James S Adams PM will install the Office Bearers who were not present at the Installation.

#### Masonic Honour

We are delighted that our affiliate member Bro Alex

Galbraith SM has been installed as the Right Worshipful Grand Master Substitute in the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Alex is a Past Master of his Mother lodge, Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 and also of the Anchor lodge of Research No 1814. He is Right Worshipful Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire West. Of course he just demitted office as the Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden in Grand Lodge.

### Bro Albert Dennis Evans 1911 – 2011



Last month, Bro Dennis Evans passed to the Grand Lodge Above in his 101<sup>st</sup> year. An Englishman by birth, Dennis came to Scotland when he was 17. He worked first in John G Kincaid's engine works and moved to the Royal Naval Torpedo Factory at the start of the war. He served in the Observer Corps manning searchlights and spotting enemy planes during the war and remained in the service for many years. Many will remember him as the 'Jannie' of the old Finnart School in Newton Street. Dennis was a keen sportsman throughout his life. A hockey, tennis and badminton player in his younger days, latterly he was a very keen bowler and enjoyed his membership of Ardgowan like so many No XII members do. Not content with bowling, he helped behind the scenes as social convenor and was given Honorary Membership of the Club for services rendered. When he was able he was an ever-present at No XII, again working behind the scenes supplying sandwiches for the Harmonies and helping to run them. He loved to visit with us when we took deputations to the sister lodges. We had a celebration for Dennis at his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in his much loved Ardgowan Club when he received a letter from the Grand Master and his 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Diploma. The Craft was well represented at Dennis's funeral. His service as a Boys' Brigade officer was reflected as we sang 'Will your anchor hold'.



## Our Previous Meeting Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November Annual Meeting and Installation



Bro Robert J Bain PM was installed into the Chair in front of nearly 90 brethren. The installing masters were Bro Ken McDougall, Bro Jim Adams and Bro Iain White, all Past Masters of No XII. Bro Alasdair Beaton of Lodge The Gael No 609 was our piper and the deputation of visiting brethren was led by Bro Ian McPherson, RWM of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 as has been customary in No XII over all the years. RWPGM Bro James W Miller led the deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Office Bearers for 2011-12 are: *Right Worshipful Master* **Bro. Robert J Bain**, *Immediate Past Master* **Bro. Arthur Young**, *Substitute Master* **Bro. Alexander Galbraith**, *Worshipful Senior Warden* **Bro. Alan D Beck**, *Worshipful Junior Warden* **Bro. Martin Anderson**, *Secretary* **Bro. Kenneth C MacDougall PM**, *Chaplain* **Bro. William O Lothian**, *Senior Deacon* **Bro. James S Adams PM**, *Junior Deacon* **Bro. Andrew Barton**, *Director of Ceremonies* **Bro. Kenneth K Morrison PM**, *Bible Bearer* **Bro. Albert McLean**, *Jeweller* **Bro James McGregor**, *Architect* **Bro Brian McFadyen**, *Inner Guard* **Bro. Gordon Thompson**, *President of Stewards* **Bro. Ross Gourdie**, *Tyler* **Bro. Sean Barton**.

After the Installation, over 50 brethren sat down to Dinner in the Main Town Hall. The usual Loyal and Masonic Toasts were delivered and responses given. Bro David Wilson (Lodge Sir Michael 989) Depute Provost of Inverclyde gave us a very interesting speech. He spoke of all the developments in the district being facilitated by the ruling coalition of which he is a part. Of particular interest to the brethren, Bro David spoke of the progress being made with the attempts to have the decorative glass windows restored to the Saloon. Having seen the windows safely stored in bespoke packing cases, and met with Council officers, a proposal has come to begin their restoration to their rightful place in the Saloon. I hope to meet with Bro David and the relevant Council officers in the near future to discuss next steps. Apart from any significance that Masonic Brethren ascribe to the presence of these windows in No XII's lodge room, they are an important part of the social history of Greenock. Many readers will remember them from years gone by as they depict local industries and have connections to the craft that can be detected by the studious Mason.

### . Visit to Rosslyn Chapel

RWM Bro Bob Bain is running a visit to Rosslyn Chapel on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2012. To obtain further details and reserve a place on the coach, contact Bro Bob on [rjbxll@aol.com](mailto:rjbxll@aol.com).

### No XII Burns Supper

Tickets (priced £18) are now available for the No XII Burns Supper from Bro Alan Beck WSW. Bro Iain White (XII) will propose the Immortal Memory, Bro Iain T Gordon (1566) will Toast the Lassies and Bro Alasdair Hendry (217) will reply. Bro Ian M Ross (XII) will take the Chair. We shall be holding it at home in the Saloon of the Town Hall on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February** at 630 for 7 pm. The evening will be for males only and brethren are very welcome to bring friends along who are not (yet) masons. It is a really great opportunity to portray a positive image of the Craft. Everyone performing will be a Freemason. The evening will be in aid of the Charity Drive.

### The Charity Drive

The Charity Drive is going along well with £270.77 raised already. Beneficiaries already identified are *Help for Heroes* and one of the local Boys' Brigade Companies. We are conscious that the charitable work of the Lodge is a very important facet of the Craft and we urge all our brethren to give active support to raising funds for these worthy causes.

### ... and finally, on a personal note ...

I was very honoured to have Distinguished Service Membership bestowed on me at the recent Installation Ceremony. I really appreciated the sentiments expressed, and the words said, by RWPGM Bro James W Miller and IPM Bro Arthur Young. Thank you all.

**Iain White PM**