

Twelve Talk

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Meetings 2011-12

* 20.12.11

Passing

* 17.01.12

Raising by The Lodge of
Erskine No 1566

(Renfrewshire East)

* 07.02.12

Provincial Visitation

* 21.02.12

Entering

* 06.03.12

Passing by Lodge Burns
Dundonald No 1759
(Ayrshire)

* 20.03.12

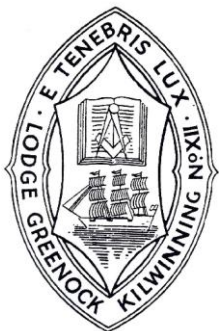
Entering Exemplification
by The Scots Lodge No
2319 (EC)

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Raising

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Happy New Year!

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

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Our Previous Meeting

Tuesday 19th December

On Tuesday 19th December, James McGregor Jr was passed to the second degree. The degree team was **Obligation** Bro Bob Bain RWM, **Secrets** Bro Jim Adams SD PM, **Apron** Bro Alan Beck WSW, **Working Tools** Bro Andrew Barton JD, **Tracing Board** Bro Iain White PM and **Charge** Bro Alan Beck WSW. The Degree went really well indeed. The team had experience in it but also Bros Andrew Barton and Alan Beck

did their pieces of the degree for the first time. Bro Paul Galbraith did a magnificent job standing in as Inner Guard for the first time. Talking of experience, our affiliate member Bro Willie Lothian acted as Junior Warden and his work was much appreciated. All-in-all the degree went very well indeed and Bro Jim now awaits his third degree with some anticipation. In the absence of our regular organist Bro Jim Livingstone, our good friend and frequent companion, Bro Alasdair Beaton WSW of

Lodge The Gael No 609, played the pipes and added greatly to the sense of occasion. The attendance was boosted by our 3 visitors Bro Kenny McCrae PM and Bro Nicky Stetz WJW from Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 and Bro Jim Lever PM of Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning Skelmorlie No 624. These brethren are all 'No XII regulars' and their presence was appreciated all the more for that.

The collection for lodge funds was £53 and for the Charity Drive £32.

Our Next Meeting

Tuesday 17th January

Bro James McGregor Jr will have his Raising on Tuesday 17th January. The ceremonial will be carried out by The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 where our own Architect Bro Brian McFadyen is also an office bearer. We look forward greatly to seeing the brethren of 1566 at work. It will be the first time that 1566 has worked in No XII

Financial Matters

Test Fees and Life Members' donations in lieu of Capitation Fees are now due. Test Fees are very reasonably set at £30 in No XII.

All fees and donations should be passed to Bro Iain White (Acting Treasurer) either at the Lodge or mailed to him at 23 Manor Crescent, Gourock PA19 1UZ.

No meeting on 3rd January!

The Town Hall is closed for the local holiday on Tuesday. Consequently No XII has no meeting. However, there is a passing at Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on Thursday 5th at 7.30. For those who have been missing their masonry over the holidays, there is a chance to get back on track again at 217! Some members of No XII intend to be there.

On the Installation Trail

Our reconnection with Lodges with whom we previously had associations continues. On Friday 23rd December, Bro Bob Bain RWM and Bro Alan Beck WSW made the journey over to Lodge Cochno 1304 in Hardgate in the Province of Dunbartonshire. It was the Annual Installation and Bro Alan tells me that the ceremony was carried out very well by the two Installing Masters. Bob and Alan were pleased to be in the company of brethren from Lodge The Gael No 609 – Bro Douglas Bryce RWM, Bro Bill Bryce IPM and Bro Alasdair Beaton WSW.

Forthcoming Visit to Lodge Innellan and Toward No 1435

When we were at the Installation of Lodge The Gael last month, we were in conversation with Bro Alasdair Henderson of Lodge Innellan and Toward No 1435. Alasdair is in office in 1435 and is a regular at Lodge The Gael. He was one of the pipers at the Pipers' Degree conferred by Lodge The Gael at No XII in October. We agreed that we would go to visit Lodge Innellan and Toward on Wednesday 18th January 2012.

Brethren will meet for the Argyll Ferries 1820 service to Dunoon at Gourock Pier. This is the ferry from the main Gourock pier, not McInroy's Point. We shall take taxis to Innellan and back. Ferries return at 2210 and 2310.

To my knowledge, No XII has never visited 1435 before, so it would be great to see as many brethren as possible there on the evening.

Invitation to Confer a Degree at The Lodge of Erskine No 1566

No XII has been invited to confer a Raising at The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 on Thursday 12 April. The invitation will be discussed at the General Committee Meeting next week. It is always an honour for the Lodge to be invited out to work in a Sister Lodge

Yet More for the Charity Drive

The success of the Charity Drive continues and the fund grows. A very touching contribution came from Master Andrew Winter, the 10-year old Grandson of Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick. Andrew heard his Grandfather speaking about the Lodge raising money for *Help for Heroes*. He said that he thought that was a good charity and gave his Grandfather £1.50 from his pocket money. This great example of generosity makes me wonder how much we could raise if we all gave the same proportion of our disposable income to the Charity Drive??? With the collection on 20th December the amount raised now stands at **£654.27**. Beneficiaries already identified are *Help for Heroes* and one of the local Boys' Brigade Companies and there will be further consideration of beneficiaries at the forthcoming General Committee meeting on Monday 9th January. 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.

Visit to Rosslyn Chapel

RWM Bro Bob Bain is organising a visit to Rosslyn Chapel on Saturday 28th April 2012. To obtain further details and reserve a place on the coach, contact Bro Bob on rjbxll@aol.com or 07753108979.

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 25th 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.

Contact Bro Alan at tenor.alanbeck@ntlworld.com or 07739514242 to reserve your place

A dip into our history

From the Minute Book and continuing the theme of associations with sister lodges

Tuesday 11th April 1933

Bro John Waddell, RW Master, in the Chair

Visit to Lodge Thistle Glasgow

The master conveyed greetings from Lodge Thistle Glasgow which lodge he – accompanied by the Wardens and several office bearers of this Lodge – visited on the 5th inst. On that occasion they had the pleasure of being present at the conferring of the 3rd Degree and the visit helped to strengthen our bond of friendship with that Lodge.

Until reading the Minute Book I had no idea that No XII ever had a close association with Lodge Thistle. Indeed, I am ashamed to say that it was not a lodge name that was known to me at all. A quick look at the Year Book tells me that it, like No XII, is an extremely old lodge being numbered 87 on the Roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and having been granted its charter on 16th March 1762, 26 years after our own and 36 years after No XII was established. It seems that its meeting night, as in 1933, is a Wednesday and that it now meets at 262 Smithycroft Road in Riddrie. I am not aware of where it met in 1933. Beyond that, my limited internet research skills found nothing more.

I would be pleased to hear from any readers who know something of this old Lodge or may even have visited it. Please send me an email to ianwhite4@btinternet.com if you have any information.

Iain White PM