

Twelve Talk

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Erskine No 1566

(Renfrewshire East)

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by The Scots Lodge No
2319 (EC)

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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 next meeting **Tuesday 7th February** **2012**

The next regular meeting is the Annual Visitation by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West on Tuesday

This is the meeting when the Provincial Grand Secretary and the Provincial Grand Treasurer will report on the administration and financial management of

the lodge in year up to the end of September 2011. The Deputation will also assess the degree work of the lodge as they see it on the evening. The degree will be an exemplification of a Passing and the 'Candidate' will be Bro John McFadyen, a member of number XII for many years. The degree team is Obligation Bro Bob Bain RWM; Secrets Bro KK Morrison PM; Apron Bro Alan Beck WSW; Working Tools Bro Kevin Barton DM; Tracing Board Bro Ken McDougall PM Secretary; Charge Bro Alan Beck WSW.

New Provincial **Office Bearer from** **No XII**

Bro Alan Beck WSW was installed as Provincial Grand Organist in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West on Friday 3rd February. Of course this will be no office in name only as Alan is a professional musician. Those who attend Provincial meetings will see them enhanced by Alan's expertise. Provincial should also benefit from Alan's creative approach, ideas and enthusiasm as No XII surely has.

Bro Robert Lamb

Past Senior Warden of No XII, Bro Robert Lamb, passed to the Grand Lodge Above last month after a long battle with illness. Robert affiliated to No XII from Lodge Royal Arch No 314 in West Kilbride. He was active in a number of Masonic orders. No XII was well represented at Robert's funeral

New No XII Website

Thanks to the work of Bro Alan Beck WSW, No XII has a new website. It may be found at www.lgk12.masons-lodge.org and gives loads of information about what's going on in the Lodge and charts our history too. Any brother who has photos involving No XII please scan them and email them to Alan at tenor.alanbeck@ntlworld.com Please add the names of the brethren in the photo to your email.



Our Last Meeting
Degree Conferred by the Lodge of Erskine No 1566
Tuesday 17th January 2012



Bro James McGregor Jr was raised by the brethren of The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 (Renfrewshire East) in a Lodge filled by 65 brethren, 19 of whom were in the deputation from 1566 which was led by RWM Bro Ronnie Armstrong. It was the first time that The Lodge of Erskine had worked in No XII. The degree was well received by the brethren in attendance.

RWM Bro Bob Bain and RWM Bro Ronnie Armstrong are seen in the picture opposite while below other reigning masters who were present are shown with Bob – from left Bros Jim Livingstone (Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425) John Falconer (Cumberland Kilwinning No 217) George Carson (Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121) Bob Bain (Greenock Kilwinning No XII) Scott McLay (Salfire No 1505) Ross Nugent (The Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814)



Visitations

Lodge Innellan and Toward No 1435 – Wednesday 18th January 2012

At perhaps our first ever deputation to Lodge Innellan and Toward the RWM Bro Bob Bain was accompanied by Bro Arthur Young IPM, Bro Iain White PM (me), Bro Alan Beck WSW, Bro Martin Anderson WJW and Bro Kevin Barton DM. Bob, Alan, Martin and I had a pleasant, if cold, journey across on the ferry and Arthur picked us up at Dunoon and whisked us out to Innellan. While the driving was faultless and Arthur has a lovely big car, it would have to be said that with Alan, Martin and me together, the back seat seemed a little 'cosy'. We went into the Lodge to discover that, not only was it a First Degree, it was also the annual visit to the Lodge of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Argyll and the Isles with the deputation headed by Bro Douglas Craig RWPGM. We also met our old friends from Lodge St Munn Ardnadam No 496 PMs Bobby Diamond and Tom Cossar. The degree team of lodge Innellan and Toward was supplemented by our friends from Lodge The Gael No 609, with the pipers very much in evidence. Bro Keith Bowes Jr JD delivered the North East Corner and Bro Gareth Gardner WJW narrated the Mode and Manner. Bro Alasdair Henderson of 1435, a regular at The Gael, illustrated the Working Tools. The candidate himself, Bro Dougie Campbell, is Pipe Sergeant of the first grade Inveraray and District Pipe Band. All in all it was a very interesting evening and ended with an equally cold ferry journey home from Dunoon. In a most enjoyable visit, Bro Alan Beck said that the highlight was the supper – especially the wee individual steak pies.

Our travels in Argyll and the Isles look set to continue in March with a visit to Ardnadam to see Bobby and Tom. I believe that this will be No XII's first visit there since 1990.



Bros Martin Anderson WJW Arthur Young IPM Bob Bain RWM Kevin Barton DM Alan Beck WSW Iain White PM in the Temple of Lodge Innellan and Toward No 1435

Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 - Tuesday 24th January 2012

RWM Bro Bob Bain, Bro Alan Beck WSW, Bro Martin Anderson WJW, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Paul Galbraith all visited Lodge Crawfordsburn to witness a passing.

Provincial Grand Lodge Installation- Friday 3rd February 2012

RWM Bro Bob Bain, Bro Alan Beck WSW, Bro Jim Adams PM SD and Bro Eddie McGill attended the Installation of Office Bearers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West on Friday 3rd February.

The Charity Drive

The success of the Charity Drive continues. It was decided by the General Committee at its meeting on 9th January that we shall concentrate on two beneficiaries - *Help for Heroes* and the 1st Greenock Company of the Boys' Brigade. The 1st Greenock celebrates its 125th Anniversary in 2012. 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. Thus far, £719.27 has been raised, with the major events still to come.

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, Gourrock PA19 1UZ.

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

Burns Supper Raffle and Auction

We have some great prizes for the Charity fund raising at the Burns Supper. Already we have been promised a gallon bottle of Chivas Regal whisky, a signed and framed David Beckham shirt from his time at Manchester United, a signed Rangers shirt and a fourball at the Turnberry golf resort. We are in negotiations to get more prizes and any donations are welcome.

A dip into our History

Tuesday 2nd May 1933

Bro John Waddell, RW Master, in the Chair

The brethren had the pleasure of listening to a reading by Bro James Graham, who has been known for a long number of years as our Hon Bard. Bro Graham's paper took the form of a soliloquy based on a recent visit made to the top of Dunrod Hill and his thoughts were inspired by the works of the Great Architect of the Universe and the moral lessons he derived therefrom. (This was after the Mark degree – maybe somebody could work on a poem for this year's Mark in April?)

Past Masters and the Burns 'Season'

As usual this year, our Past Masters have been active during the Burns season. Bros Jack Glenney, Ian Ross and I have been speaking, Bro Arthur Young singing and Bro Hector Macphail piping. I was invited to the Isle of Man to speak at the St Andrew's Burns Dinner. It was held in the Palace Hotel in Douglas. The reason that I got the invitation was thanks to my good friend Bro Drew McKenzie, PM of Lodge Crawfordsburn who had spoken there some years ago. The MC for the evening was Steve Rodan, Speaker of the House of Keys (the Isle of Man Parliament). In the company was John Shakespeare (yes, at a Burns Dinner) and he was the piper! It was a most enjoyable occasion. I met some brethren on the evening and they are now well and truly on the *XII Talk* circulation list! Hopefully they will enjoy reading this edition.



**Bros John Shakespeare (Thane of Fife No 781) Bill Ashton (English Constitution)
Ken Harris (Paisley St Mirrin's No 129) Iain White (No XII) – Palace Hotel Douglas Isle of Man**

Iain White PM