



The West Column



Goodness, how time flies, it seems like no time since I was commenting on the Lodges starting back after the summer recess and here we are at the lead up to Christmas with most of the Installations having taken place and the session almost halfway through already (perhaps a sign of growing older)!

Back in September, I wrote about the necessity of making sure visitors to a Lodge and particularly new members were made to feel welcome and how a kind word and a friendly gesture could often make the difference between retaining a new member or losing him.

That kindly word to which I refer is more powerful than all the mentoring and education that you can provide - the feeling it gives that you are welcome and that you are part of something.

At the time of writing back in September, I had no inclination that shortly, that kindly word would mean quite so much to me personally but in recent weeks, that has been brought home to me very clearly during one of those personal trials that we are all destined to endure as we travel through life and I would just like to take a few lines of space in this leader column, to thank those who took a few moments of their time, to phone, email, text or speak with me to express their concern and to extend best wishes.

In the midst of hospital visiting, running children to nursery, getting them out for school or running them to classes, those kindly thoughts keep you going.

It brought home to me very clearly, the importance of such kind and friendly words might be to a new member of a new visitor to a Lodge. It only takes a few moments to say, "Hello, how are you" and "welcome" but what a powerful message it can give. As the writer Sarah Fielding once said; *"The words of kindness are more healing to a drooping heart than balm or honey"*!

Of course, we are now on the lead up to Christmas, a time of joy and thanksgiving but when you turn on the news, you could be forgiven for thinking that in two-thousand years, we haven't actually managed to make very much progress. There is no denying that we have made huge technological advances at what seems like an ever-increasing rate but I sometimes wonder how much progress we have made as human beings. We are capable of inventing ever more horrible ways of killing each other yet we have not yet discovered a way of preventing famine, drought or disease.

We watch as refugees are subjected to trials that we in our safe environments can hardly even begin to imagine, we watch as children in countries like Syria and Yemen are blown to bits, yet we continue to allow our Governments to sell the means of committing these acts.

I wonder what Jesus would say if he came back to earth now!

The following poem is called "Indifference" by G A Studdert-Kennedy

When Jesus came to Golgotha they hanged Him on a tree,
They drove great nails through hands and feet, and made a Calvary;
They crowned Him with a crown of thorns, red were His wounds and deep,
For those were crude and cruel days, and human flesh was cheap.

When Jesus came to Birmingham they simply passed Him by,
They never hurt a hair of Him, they only let Him die;
For men had grown more tender, and they would not give Him pain,
They only just passed down the street, and left Him in the rain.

Still Jesus cried, "Forgive them, for they know not what they do,"
And still it rained the wintry rain that drenched Him through and through;
The crowds went home and left the streets without a soul to see,
And Jesus crouched against a wall and cried for Calvary.

Although written in 1927, it seems to still sum up our attitude today.

Still we can but hope and since I don't want to end the final West Column of the year on a negative note, can I simply extend to you and all your families and loved ones, a wonderful and happy Christmas time and may more than a little of that spirit of Christmas be with you all.

Kind regards,

Jim

Contributions to the West Column

I would as always thank those who have provided contributions to this month's edition and a reminder that photographs of events are also welcome but I have to reserve the right to limit their use as it can affect the email transmission speed. However, please continue to send photographs as I can always include them in later editions. Most importantly, it is assumed that any photographs sent to me have the permission of the subjects for publication. If sending articles with accompanying photographs, could I ask that these are not embedded into a word document but send separately as JPEG files. All contributions should be sent to Jimliv626@gmail.com ([Note change of email address](#)).

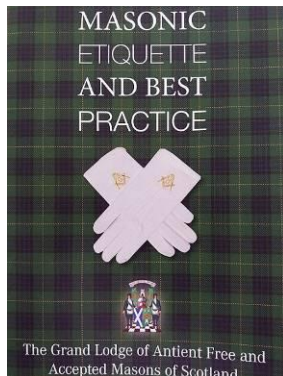
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Advertising: I would appeal to Lodge secretaries to let me know the details of meetings taking place. I am very conscious of the fact that without the medium of advertising in the local newspaper, there is a void of information which requires to be filled. By letting me know of meetings taking place, I can issue the details in the West Column which is sent out to nearly 500 email addresses as well as adding a weekly update to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West's facebook page which now has around 300 members. PLEASE take advantage of this medium. The schedule of meetings for the week ahead (where such information has been provided, is published in the Province's facebook page each weekend.

Personal Information and E-Mail Addresses.

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New Publication from Grand Lodge:



Can I commend to all but especially to those making their way up through the offices, hopefully perhaps towards the chair of their Lodge, the new publication available from Grand Lodge and priced at a very reasonable £3.00 per copy, £1.00 of which is going to Masonic Charities.

The booklet is the work of the Information and Communications Committee and is a very easy guide to Masonic Etiquette and Best Practice.

It covers the A to Z of decorum within the Lodges from the correct positioning of the Altar to correct forms of Address, to Visiting. The booklet also contains guidelines for the use of Masonic Websites, Email and Social Media. One copy is currently being sent to each Master, free of charge and thereafter, the booklet will be available to all to purchase.

**** - PROVINCIAL NEWS - ****

Provincial Website. For up to date information on what's happening in the Province, go to www.pgllrw.org - if you have anything that you wish added to the Provincial website, contact Brother Jim Donnelly at jimdonnelly@ntlworld.com

Meetings.

Lodge meetings in the Province of Renfrewshire West take place as follows;

Day	Day of month.				
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Monday	68	68	68	68	68
Monday		626		626	
Tuesday	XII	1121	XII	1121	
Wednesday	Preceptory	989	RAC XVII		
Thursday	217	1425	217	PGRAC 900	
Friday	1814 *	175	175	175	175

- The Anchor Lodge of Research No. 1814 meets on the 1st Friday of the months of September, October, April and May.

Dates and duties for your diaries:

Provincial Grand Lodge

Byelaws and Notices of Motion:

Brethren, could I please urge you to ensure that any proposed changes to bye-laws be discussed with the Provincial Grand Secretary BEFORE compiling a Notice of Motion for submission to the Lodge. This will ensure that the Motion is in an acceptable format and avoid any delays caused by having to have the proposal reworded and resubmitted.

Renfrewshire 200 Club (RW200Club).

Application forms are also still available within each Lodge. If you have not already "signed up" I hope that you will give your earnest consideration to this excellent method of charity fund-raising which should at the same time, assist in boosting attendance figures throughout the Lodges. The monthly entry fee is £5.00. However, those wishing to participate are not limited to any number of "entries" and if anyone wishes to purchase two or more tickets they may do so. It is hoped that Lodges will also participate by

purchasing tickets and perhaps this could be favourably considered by your General or Finance Committees.

Members may either pay cash (cheques should be made out to the Provincial Grand Lodge) or may take out a standing order arrangement. You can also take part on a monthly basis but to take part in the draw your contribution, whether by cash, cheque or standing order must be with the Provincial Grand Treasurer prior to the draw taking place.

Please remember that a minimum of 50% of the income will be going directly to charity.

Winners:

September Draw (drawn by Brother Paul Docherty PM989) – Brother Archibald Wright PM68 (again)!

October Draw (drawn by Provincial Grand Chaplain, Brother George Carson) – Provincial Grand Master, Brother Robin McIntyre.

Test Fees:

Please be reminded that it is important that Test Fees are kept up to date. Most Lodges now offer the facility of paying by direct debit which is an excellent way of ensuring that you are always clear in your Lodge. **In particular, it is also important to make sure that if you are an affiliate member of another Lodge, you must be clear in ALL Lodges in which you are a member to ensure that you may continue to visit other Lodges. Brethren who are not up to date in all Lodges of which they are a member, have visiting rights withdrawn as well as the privileges which would normally be afforded to them in their Mother Lodges.**

Provincial Grand Master's Diary.

On Friday 2 November I had the pleasure of heading a Deputation from PGL to Lodge Crawfordsburn No 1121 for their Annual Installation of Office-bearers with Bro John Laird being installed as RWM. An excellent and dignified Installation Ceremony was carried out by the Installing Masters; Bro Adam McKenzie PM, Bro Thomas More PM and Bro Samuel Hunter PM, and I wish the newly installed RWM and Office-bearers a very enjoyable and successful 12 months.

On Sunday 4 November accompanied by the Commissioned Office-bearers, Bro Thomas Trotter RWM of the Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814, Bro Malcolm Sinclair RWM of Lodge Crawfordsburn No1121 and Bro Robert Rice RWM of Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425, we represented the Province at Commemoration of the Fallen Parade and Service at Grand Lodge. Bro Alexander Galbraith Past Sub GM was also present.

On Tuesday 6 November, I had the pleasure of heading a deputation from PGL to Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No 12, for a special evening of remembrance and commemoration marking the end of the Great War.

On Monday 12 November I attended Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 and witnessed an excellent FC Degree.

On Friday 16 November I had the pleasure of heading a Deputation from PGL to Lodge Sir Michael No 989 for their Annual Installation of Office-bearers with Bro Scott McLaughlin being installed as RWM. An excellent and dignified Installation Ceremony was carried out by the Installing Masters; Bro Paul Docherty PM, Bro Iain Brown PM and Bro Andrew Pigott PM and I wish the newly installed RWM and Office-bearers a very enjoyable and successful 12 months. With the new Temple being used for the Installation Board for the first time added to the occasion.

On Tuesday 20 November I had the pleasure of heading a Deputation from PGL to Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No 12, for their Annual Installation of Office-bearers with Bro James Robert Crossan being installed as RWM. An excellent Installation Ceremony was carried out by the Installing Masters, Bro Iain White PM, Bro Ken MacDougall PM and Bro Alan Beck PM. Due to work being carried out within the Town Hall, Installing Board took place in the Grand Corridor. I hope the newly installed RWM and his Office-bearers have a very enjoyable 12 months in office.

On Sunday 25 November accompanied by PG Sec Bro Alan Beck and PG Almoner Bro Alistair Glenny we attended a very enjoyable the Annual Divine Service of the PGL of Glasgow at the Springfield Cambridge Parish Church.

On Monday 26 November I attended Lodge Firth of Clyde No 626 and witnessed an excellent MM Degree.

I had the pleasure of attending Grand Lodge on Thursday 29 November for the Installation of the Grand Master Mason and the Festival of St Andrew. In a very full Grand Lodge Bro William Ramsay McGhee was Installed as our new MW Grand Master Mason together with the other Grand Lodge Office-bearers in an excellent ceremony witnessed by over 800 Brethren. The assembled brethren also enjoyed an excellent dinner and Harmony at the Corn Exchange. Delighted to see Bro James Strachan of Lodge Crawfordsburn No 1121 attending his 35 consecutive Festival of St Andrew. I would also like to congratulate Bro Alistair Glenny PM and PG Almoner on being awarded the Rank of Honorary Grand Almoner.

On Friday 30 November I had the pleasure of heading a Deputation from PGL to Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 for their Annual Installation of Office-bearers with Bro Eric Sweeney being installed as RWM. An excellent Installation Ceremony was carried out by the Installing Masters, Brother W Ross Nugent, assisted by Brother Danny Blaney and Brother Jim Donnelly, all Past Masters of the Lodge.

Followed by a very enjoyable harmony. I hope the newly installed RWM and his Office-bearers have a very enjoyable 12 months in office.

Provincial Ball.

Date for the diary. The provisional date for the 2019 Provincial Summer Ball had been set for Saturday 19th May and will be confirmed at the Regular Communication of Provincial Grand Lodge on Wednesday 3rd October.

Grand Lodge.



Brethren from the Province of Renfrewshire West who attended the Commemoration of the Fallen Service at Grand Lodge on Sunday 4th November.

Brother Thomas F M Trotter, Master of The Anchor Lodge of Research No. 1814, Brother Alan Beck, Provincial Grand Secretary, Brother John W Black, Depute Provincial Grand Master, Brother Robin McIntyre, Provincial Grand Master, Brother Alexander Galbraith, Past Substitute Grand Master and Past Provincial Grand Master, Brother Stuart R Wilson, Substitute Provincial Grand Master, Brother George J Carson, Provincial Grand Chaplain, Brother Malcolm Sinclair, Grand Steward and Brother Robert J Rice, Master of Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425.

Remembrance Day Parades.

On the subject of Remembrance Day, it is a source of some pride that at every village and town within the Province of Renfrewshire West, the Lodges within the Province are represented at the Remembrance Day parades with wreaths being laid at the various War Memorials.



The photograph shows the Master and Wardens of Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425 on a very inclement day at the War Memorial at Inverkip. Other Lodges were represented at Gourock, Greenock, Port Glasgow and Kilmacolm.

LODGE NEWS REPORTS, NOTES and MEETINGS DURING the MONTH AHEAD.

Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII

Tuesday 4th – Annual Divine Service conducted by Brother Jack Glenny PM.

Thursday 27th (note change of meeting night). A special meeting to celebrate the Feast of St. John the Evangelist.

On Thursday 13th, the Lodge will be conferring a Fellowcraft degree at The Lodge of Erskine No. 1566.

Monthly Draw (from Brother David Stevenson, Treasurer).

As we enter another year the monthly draw is available again to all of you - and family.

£1 per number per month with no limits !!

All participants will be entered into the draw and it is my intention to draw the winning number on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

PRIZES - I am hoping for £25 per month with the exception of June and December when the prize will be £50 each month. Please support the Lodge with this draw. Cash, cheques or through internet banking are all acceptable.

Installation Report

Recently, No XII held its 291st Installation Ceremony. Bro J. Robert (Bob) Crossan was installed into the Chair as Right Worshipful Master in front of a large number of brethren from within and out with the province of Renfrewshire West in a packed Town Hall Saloon. The RWM of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 led the deputation of visiting brethren, as always. In this case the man at the head was Bro Alexander Bloomfield Wilson. The Installing masters were Bro Iain White PM PPSGW, Bro Kenneth C. MacDougall PM and Bro Alan D. Beck PM PGS, all Past Masters of No XII.

Originally from Lanarkshire, Bro Bob studied at Bell College of Technology and Glasgow College of Building and Printing where he qualified as a full Member of the Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (MCIAT). Since retiring from an international firm of architects, where he held the position of IT Systems Manager and Associate Director, he has designed and created the current Lodge website, which he continues to update, along with its Facebook and Twitter accounts. Bro Bob moved to the area after meeting his wife, Fiona, who is a native of Greenock. Together they have a daughter, Joanna, who is currently studying Musical Theatre.

At the Harmony in the main Town Hall a large number of brethren enjoyed supper and the usual Loyal and Masonic Toasts were observed. Bro Bob Crossan RWM toasted Her Majesty the Queen. His Toasts to The Grand Lodge of Scotland and The Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West were replied to by Bro Robin McIntyre, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master. Past Master Bro Captain Allan I. MacFeate, himself a former Master Mariner in the Merchant Navy, delivered a heartfelt toast to Her Majesty's Forces. The Right Worshipful Master, Bro Crossan toasted the Installing Masters and the Immediate Past Master. The replies to these came from Principal Installing Master Bro. Iain White PM PPSGW and Bro Allan T. Glen IPM, respectively Bro Brian McFadyen WSW toasted the Visiting Brethren and, as is traditional in No XII, the reply was given by Bro Alexander Bloomfield Wilson RWM of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68. The artistes were toasted by Bro Robert J Bain PM PG Arch WJW.

Musical contributions from Joanna Crossan and Reuben Beck, accompanied by Polly Beck on piano were much enjoyed by the company and gave a real family feel to the evening, Joanna being the daughter of the new Right Worshipful Master and Reuben and Polly being the son and the wife of Bro Alan D. Beck PM. The extremely happy evening finished with the singing of Auld Lang Syne and three hearty cheers!



*From left: **Bros. Alan D Beck PM PGS** (Installing Master) **Robin McIntyre RWPGM** **Bro Iain White PM PPSGW** (Installing Master) **Bro J Robert Crossan RWM** **Bro Kenneth C MacDougall PM Secy.** (Installing Master) **Bro David Wilson** Depute Provost HM No XII*

The Office Bearers 2018-19

Back Row: Bros. Paul Stevenson Depute Master **James McGregor Jnr.** Sword Bearer **Alexander Gray** Bible Bearer **A. Campbell Snoddy** Senior Deacon **Allan I. Jess** Chaplain **KK Morrison PM PGJ Fraser Cameron** 1st Assistant Steward **Alexander R. Johnston** Inner Guard **Edward Molloy** 3rd Assistant Steward **Allan I. MacFeate PM** Director of Ceremonies **David Stevenson** Treasurer **Anthony Buckley** President of Stewards

Front Row: Bros. Robert J. Bain PM PG Arch Worshipful Junior Warden **Alistair Glenny PGA** Almoner **Robin McIntyre** Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master **Alan D Beck PM PGS** Substitute Master **Iain White PM PPSGW** Librarian **J. Robert Crossan** Right Worshipful Master **Kenneth C. MacDougall** Secretary **David Wilson** Depute Provost HM XII **Allan T. Glen IPM** **Brian McFadyen WSW**



Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68

Monday 3rd – Fellowcraft Degree.
 Monday 10th – No meeting.
 Monday 17th – To be confirmed.
 Monday 24th – No meeting.
 Monday 31st – No meeting.

The Annual Installation of the Lodge will take place on Friday 14th December when Brother James Hamilton will be installed into the chair of his Mother Lodge. A warm welcome is extended by the Master-elect to all qualified brethren to join the Lodge on this happy occasion. Tickets for the Installation Dinner are now available at a cost of £8 each.

Social Scene

Tickets will soon be available for the Hogmanay Dance. The entertainment will be provided by the magnificent, highly talented, and good looking "No Contract". See Archie Wright for tickets.

The social club will be open on the usual Thursdays and Saturdays during the festive period.

Our regular Saturday dances continue every week from 8.30 until midnight

Also available is our Joker Prize. Tickets cost £1 and can be purchased on a Monday night from Bro. George Taft or on a Saturday night at the dance.

For up to date information on events and meetings taking place at Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68 go to the Lodge website at:

<http://www.lodgedorickilwinning68.org.uk/>

Lodge Greenock St John's No. 175.

Friday 14th –Entering
 Friday 21st – The Lodge will be holding an informal Social Night.

The Hogmanay Party scheduled for Monday 31st December is now sold out!

Please note that meetings of the Lodge will continue to be advertised in the Greenock Telegraph and online edition on the first Friday of each month.

Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217

Thursday 6th – Raising conferred by the Past Masters of the Lodge.

Thursday 20th – Christmas Carol Service.

Note that the Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday 3rd January has been cancelled.

The first meeting of 2019 will take place on Thursday 17th January and will be a Master Mason's degree. This will also be the annual visit by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West.

Social events:

Sunday 9th December: Kids treat at the Beacon Theatre Pantomime (5 pm).

The Lodge's Festive Dance will take place on Friday 29th December with dancing to "No Contract" and a hot buffet supper. Tickets are now available from Brother Gerry Robertson.



On Wednesday 14th November, a deputation from Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217 headed by the Master, Brother Gerard C Robertson attended a meeting of Lodge Sir Michael No. 989 to confer an excellent Fellowcraft Degree. This was the first official deputation to visit the newly refurbished Lodge at Kilmacolm and to mark the occasion, the Master, Brother Gerard C Robertson, presented the Master of Lodge Sir Michael No. 989 with a new implement of authority (maul, gavel or mallet – insert as required) which contained mark tokens of both Lodges. The main purpose of the visit was to carry out a Master Mason's degree which was completed with the decorum and dignity which is a feature of the work of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217.

Important Notice - Due to urgent building repairs required to the Lodge's premises at King Street, Port Glasgow, meetings, with immediate effect, will take place at the Masonic Temple of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68.

Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning, Skelmorlie No. 624

Wednesday 12th – Annual General Meeting. At this meeting, honorary membership will be conferred upon Brother John Muir.

Lodge Firth of Clyde No. 626

Monday 3rd – General Committee Meeting

Monday 10th – Raising

Monday 24th – No meeting.

Saturday 8th – Senior Citizens' Dinner (2.00 pm).

Sunday 9th – Childrens' Christmas Party (1.00 pm 'til 4.00 pm).

The Christmas Dance will take place on Saturday 22nd December with tickets priced at £6.00.

Advance Notice: The Lodge's Annual Burns Supper will take place on Saturday 19th January at 7.00 pm. Tickets available for this ever-popular event priced at £12.00. Principal speaker for the evening is Brother Russell Manson, the toast to the Lasses will be delivered by Brother Jim Porter and the reply by Brother Bert Thomson. Other artistes will be announced shortly.

Lodge Sir Michael No. 989

Wednesday 12th – Passing conferred by Lodge Gleniffer No. 1219.



As stated above, a deputation from Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217 were the first official visitors to the new Temple of Lodge Sir Michael No. 989 but not the first visiting Master as that honour had already been claimed by that most prolific of visitors, Brother Alexander Bloomfield Wilson, Master of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68.



A detailed photograph of the new gavel presented by Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217 on the occasion of their visit to Lodge Sir Michael No. 989.

On Friday 16th November, a large number of brethren attended the Annual Installation of Lodge Sir Michael No. 989 where the Installing Board was convened in the beautifully crafted Temple recently opened by the Lodge. The occasion saw the installation for a second term, of Brother Scott McLaughlin as Master of his Mother Lodge by Installing Masters, Brother Paul M Docherty, assisted by Brother Andrew G Pigott PM626 and Brother Iain Brown PM989. Following the ceremony, the brethren sat down to a celebration dinner with the usual toasts and speeches.

Now that the new Temple is fully operational, it is hoped that it will not be too long before it is fully consecrated by Provincial Grand Lodge.

If you have not had the opportunity to view the new Temple, it is well worth a visit and is a magnificent example of what can be achieved by a view determined and skilled brethren working together.

The next opportunity will be on Wednesday 12th December, when the Lodge will host a visit from Lodge Gleniffer No. 1219 from the Province of Renfrewshire East.



Lodge Crawfurdsburn No. 1121

Tuesday 11th – Installation of remaining office-bearers.

Tuesday 18th – Annual Divine Service. The Service will be conducted by Lodge and Provincial Grand Chaplain, Brother George J Carson.

Annual Installation.

On Friday 2nd November, Bro John Laird was installed as RWM of Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No. 1121. The Lodge was well attended on the evening with a large deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West, headed by PGM Bro Robert McIntyre and nearly 60 visitors.

The visitors included a deputation of 10 brothers from The Stirling Lodge, No. 1989 (EC). Lodge Crawfurdsburn has had a long association with our brothers from Cleator Moor in Cumbria.

The attached photo shows RWM Bro John Laird (centre), flanked by his two Wardens, WJW Bro Hugh McM Docherty of the RWM's right and WSW Bro Iain D Hair on the RWM's left.



Brother John Laird following his installation as Master of Lodge Crawfurdsburn No. 1121, flanked by his newly installed Wardens, Brother Hugh M Docherty PM, Junior Warden and Brother Iain Hair, Senior Warden.

Brothers from within the PGLRW who piped at Remembrance events on 11th November

At the events on 11th November to mark the end of World War 1, pipers from various Lodges were well represented.

As part of the national and international "When the Battle O'er" plan, pipers world wide were asked to play the pipe tune of that title at 6am local time at a venue of their choice. Some 3,000 pipers took part globally across 50 countries on every continent (except Antarctica). The tribute was truly global and included every province of Canada, 48 states of the US, every state of Australia, every county of the UK, both islands of New Zealand, parts of Africa and South America and almost every country in Europe. The tune was played across 17 time zones.

In addition, the organisers of "When the Battle O'er" asked that UK civic groups involve pipers to play before the Last Post was sounded, beacons lit on vantage points and church bell were rung. The timing of these events was around 7pm.

As far as known, the pipers, with Lodge connections, involved in Inverclyde and the locations they played at were as follows:-

WJW Bro William Mooney, Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68. Location: Port Glasgow War Memorial
 Bro Iain White PM, Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII. Location: Fort Matilda beside the old Navy Buildings
 Bro William McCready, Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No. 1121. Location: Free French Memorial, Greenock
 Bro Donald J McRae, Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No. 1121. Location: Gourrock War Memorial



Brother William Mooney, Senior Warden of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68 was just one of the pipers from our local Masonic family, piping at the War Memorial in Port Glasgow on the morning of Sunday 11th November 2018.

Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No. 1121 **Remembrance Day**

After attending the Greenock War Memorial on 11th November to pay the Lodges respects to the people, who had made the ultimate sacrifice in the various conflicts over the year, RWM Bro John Laird visited Port Glasgow cemetery.

The purpose of this visit, where he was joined by IPM Malcolm A Sinclair, Bro Andrew McKenzie PM, Bro Campbell McDiarmid and Bro Donald J McRae, was to pay his and the Lodge's respects to the late Bro George Morrow, Royal Garrison Artillery (Clyde), who had served during WW1 and died on 12th December, 1914 at the age of 36.

Bro Morrow was one of eight brothers from Lodge Crawfordsburn, who died in WW1.



Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425.

Friday 7th – Annual Installation Meeting (6.30pm). A warm welcome is extended to all qualified brethren to attend the annual installation meeting on Friday 7th December when Brother Robert J Rice will be installed to serve a second term as Master by Brother Kenneth M McCrae, PM626, HM1425, Brother William A McLarty, PM1425, PM624 and Brother James Livingstone PM1425, PM626, IPPGM.

Following the ceremony, there will be a celebration supper to which a cordial invitation is extended to all attending brethren.

Thursday 13th – Business Meeting.

The Anchor Lodge of Research No. 1814

No information provided.

The Lodge is in recess until April.

Other Orders

Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No. XVII

Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No. XVII meets in the Masonic Temple, John Street, Gourock on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Most Excellent First Principal, Nicholas R R Stetz and office-bearers of the Chapter extend a warm invitation to all, especially any Companions who may not have been to the Chapter for some time. Remember, the hardest thing can be walking through that door again. For anyone contemplating returning to the Chapter, you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Meetings for the session ahead.

Future meetings.

Wednesday 19th December – Royal Arch Degree

Ranfurley Royal Arch Chapter No. 289

Thursday 6th – Excellent Masters' Degree conferred by Baron of Renfrew RAC (7.30pm).

Port Glasgow Royal Arch Chapter No. 900

No information provided. The Chapter meets on the 4th Thursday of the month within the premises of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68.

Preceptory of Ardgowan

Venerable Preceptor Andrew G Pigott and Office Bearers extend a warm to all Fraters to attend the Annual Installation as well as our Musters during 2018/2019 session especially those who have been unable to attend recently through other commitments.

- A pocket sized syllabus is also available where required
- Executive Committee dates and times will be advised separately
- All musters are held within the Masonic Temple, West Stewart Street, Greenock at 7.30 pm unless otherwise advised.

Please ensure the Secretary has your current contact details.

Wednesday 5th December – KG

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Wednesday 6th February – KG

Wednesday 6th March – KG

Wednesday 3rd April - KG

Greenock CC & RAM 17 - Meets 4th Wednesday at Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourock No. 626.

St. George's Conclave No. 79 –

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 15th January 2019 (KHS).

For those Conclave Masons, please be advised that the Conclave Newsletter "Augustus" is available from conclave79@yahoo.co.uk

The following reports were submitted by Brother Iain White, Past Master of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII.

**No XII and The Great War –
Tuesday 6th November –
An evening of remembrance and commemoration**



The War Memorial Altar

Bro Paul Docherty PM PGBB of Lodge Sir Michael No 989 attended the meeting and put a report on the 989 Facebook

Last night, myself and WSW James Watson attended Lodge XII for a special meeting "Greenock Kilwinning No XII and the Great War - A Very Special Meeting." Whilst we were light in 989 numbers, can I assure you it didn't diminish our enjoyment of a very special and frankly unique evening.

Bro Jack Glennie PM led the assembled in worship, Bro Iain White PM then gave his lecture on the XII Roll of Honour. PM White had clearly done months and months of research to present a truly wonderful piece of work. He mapped out the Roll of Honour and those decorated for gallantry, Masonic support for returning brethren and, to conclude, "We that are left". This was absolutely worthy of the solemnity of the evening. He talked of perhaps giving a lecture in the future, revealing more of what he and his friend, librarian Ian McCracken had uncovered about these brethren and their perhaps brief, but historic, lives. I for one will certainly make a point of going along if it ever comes to fruition.

Each presentation was superbly dove-tailed with firstly Bro Keith A. Bowes, PM Lodge the Gael 609, Honorary Member No XII and ex Scots Guards, giving the stories behind the pipers involved in the war, their importance to the troops, the tunes they wrote and also how they, as important motivators to the Scottish troops become important targets for the enemy (along with Officers of course). The lecture was interspersed with pipe tunes played by his own son, Bro Keith J Bowes also PM The Gael on a set of wonderful pipes, over 100 years old with a rich history, inexorably linked to wars before and after the Great War itself.

Between the other lectures, Bro Alan Beck PM firstly gave a reading entitled "The Red Retreat" by Robert W Service (a quick google/wiki search will throw up a mountain of information about this man with an interesting life indeed!) The rest were songs from the time, from "Is my team ploughing" a medley of Music hall songs (unfortunately most of which I recognised!) Land of Hope and Glory, Rule Britannia with a rousing version of the National Anthem to close. I should also make special mention of the readings from Bro Beck PM "Dulce et decorum est" and "In Flanders field" both wonderfully apt and received in absolute silence.

The evening was Chaired by Master of Ceremonies for the evening (and in his last official capacity as RWM of XII) Bro Allan T Glen. Well done to Bro Glen.

This was a memorable evening that will certainly not be forgotten by anyone present.

I would also pay tribute to ALL the brethren of XII and the brethren who assisted in making it so. The hard work and dedication were there for all to see

**Bro Paul Docherty PM
Lodge Sir Michael No 989
Lodge Secretary and PGBB**

The 10 brethren who made the supreme sacrifice, and have their names on the War Memorial Altar, are.



**Archibald Lindsay Barr
George William Campbell
James Hannah
Henry Hay
Arthur Johnston
John Duncan Macfarlane
David Rankin Fleming MacKail
Alexander Niven Russell
Joseph Henry Sanders
James Ritchie Smith**

***Went the day well?
We died and never knew.
But, well or ill,
Freedom, we died for you.
Went the day well?
When you go home,
Tell them of us and say,
“For your tomorrows,
These gave their todays”.***

John Maxwell Edmonds (1875 -1958)

Lest we forget ...

No XII and The Great War - The Aftermath

In my presentation at the meeting, I showed a photo of Bro Arthur Johnston's name on the Merchant Navy War Memorial at Tower Hill, London. Bro Arthur is commemorated here because, having been lost on the ss Ardglass when she was sunk by the German Submarine UC-31, Bro Arthur has no grave but the sea. When Bro Edward Molloy and I left a Poppyscotland cross in April, this is the first occasion, to my knowledge, that Bro Arthur's loss has been formally marked by the No XII

After the meeting was over on Tuesday, Bro James Watson, WSW of Lodge Sir Michael No 989, approached me and said that he was just about to make a visit to the battlefields and graveyards of the Western Front. He said that if I sent him the details of the No XII brethren who made the supreme sacrifice, he would visit their graves and memorials. This I did.

Bro James has reported back to me on visits to the graves of Bro John Duncan McFarlane in Forest Communal Cemetery, Le Cateau, France and Bro Joseph Henry Sanders in Brandhoek Cemetery, Belgium; Bro Archibald Lindsay Barr on the Loos Memorial and Bro Archibald Lindsay Barr on the Arras Memorial in France. On each occasion, he left a Poppyscotland cross and put a suitable message in the visitors' book.



Photos taken at Brandhoek cemetery, where Bro Lieutenant Joseph Henry Sanders Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) rests are on the left and below.

We are very grateful to Bro James Watson for taking all this trouble and visiting these brethren. They are now being remembered in the Craft in a way that has not been the case for almost a century.

Bro James further said by email, "It's great work you are doing, we at 989 don't seem to have or have lost records of our roll of honour, it is our intention to try and rectify this."

Photo of Lieutenant Joseph Henry Sanders
Greenock Telegraph
June 1918



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Bro Iain White PM PPSGW
Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII

Bro Henry Sebbon Tibbles PM
Sunday 4th November
A Happy 99th Birthday



From left: Bros Alistair Glenney PM, Iain White PM, Allan T Glen RWM and Hector Macphail PM, with Bro Henry in front

The photo shows a 'deputation' of brethren of No XII who went to visit Bro Henry Sebbon Tibbles on the occasion of his 99th birthday on Sunday 4th November. We found Henry in good spirits and enjoying visits from ourselves, the church and his neighbours. We spent just under two hours with him.

Armed with a suitable cake (1 candle) and soft drinks we sang Happy Birthday which Bro Henry enjoyed. Henry once or twice reminded his visitors that we were members of the best Lodge in Scotland! Well, you can't disagree with a man celebrating his 99th birthday!! We also took greetings to him from W Bro Ian Rainford of The Scots Lodge No 2319 (EC), Bro Henry's Lodge in London and its Mark Lodge. Bro Henry appreciated this.

When Henry was installed into the Chair of No XII, this biography was in the Installation Programme.

Henry Sebbon Tibbles is a remarkable character in many ways and a very special gentleman. Born on 4th November 1919 in Minster, by Sheerness (Kent), he assumes the chair of his Mother Lodge for the first time to-night, aged 82 years and 16 days. He took his first degree during the Second World War on 10th November 1942. At that time, he was in the Royal Navy and stationed locally. He spent all of the war years in the Navy, marrying Gourock girl Muriel along the way. When Henry returned to civvy street, the printing trade beckoned, and he rose to the position of Company Director. Unfortunately, for No XII promotion took Henry to London, but XII's loss was The Scots' Lodge's gain and he joined No 2319 (EC) on 24th April 1969. Henry's enthusiasm led him to be installed as Worshipful Master of The Scots' Lodge in 1980. At this time, he brought a deputation up to the Town Hall when KK Morrison was Master of No XII and very strong links between the two Lodges began to develop. These will be further cemented this evening, both by Henry's installation into the Chair of his Mother Lodge and the presence of the brethren of The Scots' Lodge, led by their WM, Ali MacLeod. Henry has held many senior positions in the craft and amongst these are the following: London Grand Rank (1989), WM of Scots' Mark Master Masons Lodge No 406 (EC) (1984), Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England (1987), President of the Board of Grand Stewards (1987), Commander of the Scots' Lodge Royal Ark Mariners No 406 (EC) (1994), Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank (1999) and membership of many other Masonic Orders. He is well respected by the brethren of the Scottish and English constitutions, but by none more so than those here in his Mother Lodge. After Henry's retirement and return to Scotland, we were delighted to welcome him back to No XII on a regular basis. His great dedication to the Craft has led him to perform a number of duties to help No XII, for example filling the offices of Tyler, Treasurer, WJW and WSW. Henry was awarded Distinguished Service Membership by No XII in 1990 and received his 50 Year Jubilee Diploma in 1992. This evening, he receives the highest honour any Lodge is able to confer on one of its brethren. Nobody deserves it more.

The Wee Corner

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CHARITY NEWS

STAMP APPEAL.

Please remember that Past Master Brother Kenny McCrae of Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourrock No. 626 is collecting used stamps in aid of Ardgowan Hospice so please don't throw them away. Put them in an envelope and hand them on to Kenny or to any member of 626 who will be pleased to pass them on. This costs nothing, simply a moment of your time and can mean so much to a very worthwhile cause. I'm sure than we all know of someone who has benefited from the care received at Ardgowan Hospice over the years so please help!

Brother McCrae has asked me to advise that if donating stamps it is very helpful if approximately 0.25" border is left around the stamp.

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Anniversary Badges.

Brethren, Brother David Stevenson, who kindly took on the task of co-ordinating the supply of anniversary badges from Brother Henry Tibbles has asked me to include a brief request to the effect that he would appreciate if Lodges could ascertain what the demand is likely to be for supplies of such badges during the coming year. It would be helpful if Lodge secretaries could co-ordinate any likely requests for such badges and advise Brother David of demand. His email address appears at the advert for the badges.



In the October 2014 edition of the West Column, I published a 'Grumpy Old Masters ' Badge, provided by Brother Brian Hopkins PM626. Brother David Stevenson, has advised me that following enquiries from a number of brethren, he has been able to source these at a cost of £5.50 each excluding postage. Brother David's details are provided above.

Masonic Education.

The Ashlar:

Of particular interest to all freemasons in the Ashlar edited and produced locally, it is one of the most informative publications that you could read and is available either through your Lodge or through Brother Alex Galbraith, Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master, for the relatively modest sum of £4.00. Often with articles written by brethren known to us locally, it comes highly recommended.

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Bryn Hopper Training Manager. (Brother Bryn Hopper is a member of Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourock No. 626).

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Calendar of Events and Meetings – December 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1 st	2 nd
3 rd 68 - Passing	4 th XII – Annual Divine Service	5 th Preceptory of Ardgowan – KG degree.	6 th 217 – Raising (PM's degree). RAC289 – EM degree (Baron of Renfrew).	7 th 1425 – Annual Installation (6.30).	8 th	9 th
10 th 68 – No meeting 626 - Raising	11 th 1121 – Installation of remaining office- bearers.	12 th 624 – Annual Meeting 989 – Passing conferred by Lodge Gleniffer No. 1219.	13 th 1425 – Business Meeting	14 th 68 – Annual Installation. 175 - Entering	15 th	16 th
17 th 68 – To be confirmed	18 th 1121 – Annual Divine Service	19 th RAC XVII – RA degree.	20 th 217 – Christmas Carol Service	21 st 175 – Informal Social Night	22 nd	23 rd
24 th 68 – No meeting. 626 – No meeting.	25 th	26 th	27 th XII – Special Meeting	28 th	29 th	30 th
31 st						

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