

# Twelve Talk

04.03.12

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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 and  
Passing (Exemplification)

\* 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)

\* 03.04.12

Raising

\* 17.04.12

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**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**

RWM Bro Bob Bain PM 22 Bellesdale Avenue Largs KA30 9EF (07753108979)  
Secretary Bro Ken McDougall PM 8 Mount Stuart Drive Wemyss Bay (07810270787)

### Our previous meeting Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012

The Candidate for Initiation was Mr. Allan Thomas Glen. The following brethren carried out the First Degree ritual: **Prayer:** Bible Bearer Bro Albert MacLean **Obligation:** RWM Bro Robert Bain **Secrets:** PM Bro Iain White **Apron:** WSW Bro Alan Beck **North East Corner:** Bro Paul

Galbraith **Working Tools:** Bro Allan MacFeate **Tracing Board:** PM Bro Kenneth MacDougall **The Charge:** SD Bro James Adams, PM

There was again a great crowd in the Lodge with 23 brethren of No XII and 24 visiting brethren. The increasingly good attendances are contributing greatly to the ambience and creating a great

atmosphere in the Saloon. It is particularly gratifying to see so many visiting brethren joining us at our Regular Meetings and also to see our Honorary Members Bros Neil Forbes, Sandy Reddy and Jim Strachan coming to all the meetings. Bro John Falconer RWM of Loge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 spoke on behalf of the visiting brethren and complimented the brethren of No XII on what was, indeed, a fine Degree.

### Our next meeting Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Bro Allan Glen will receive his passing on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at the hands of Lodge Burns Dundonald No 1759 from the Province of Ayrshire. Lodge 1759 will be especially welcome in No XII as this will be the first time that its members will have conferred a degree for us. We look forward greatly to seeing them at work. A deputation from No XII visited Dundonald on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February and saw their brethren exemplify a passing

### Bro Duncan McCorkindale

At our meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February, RWM Bro Robert Bain announced the sad passing to the Grand Lodge Above of Bro Duncan McCorkindale, a member of No XII who was initiated on 1 December 1972, passed on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 1973 and Raised on 6<sup>th</sup> March 1973. Bro Duncan had been a very faithful attendee in years gone by. The Brethren observed a period of silence as a mark of respect and in remembrance of the life

### 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](http://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](mailto:tenor.alanbeck@ntlworld.com). Please add the names of the brethren in the photo to your email.



## Visitations made

The following visitations were reported at the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> February. The brethren of No XII are doing a great job spreading the cement of brotherly love within the Province and beyond.

- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge The Gael No 609 on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012 (Entering) – attended by PM Bro Iain White
- Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012 (Raising) – attended by PM Bro James Adams, Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Paul Galbraith and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2012 (Lecture by PM Bro Ian McGhee of The Lodge of Erskine No 1566) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain and WJW Bro Martin Anderson
- Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2012 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, WSW Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Martin Anderson, PM Bro James Adams, Bro Alan MacFeate, Bro Paul Galbraith, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Joe Fogarty
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, PM Bro James Adams, Bro Paul Galbraith, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick.
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012 (Entering) – attended by Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Paul Galbraith and Bro Eddie McGill

## Forthcoming Visitations

### Lodge Shalom No 1600 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March

We return to our friends at Lodge Shalom No 1600 on 8<sup>th</sup> March. Shalom meets in Lodge Neptune's Temple in Clifford Street, Ibrox G51 1QP (behind the Swallow Hotel). For further details contact Alan Beck WSW [tenor.alanbeck@ntlworld.com](mailto:tenor.alanbeck@ntlworld.com) or 07739514242

### Lodge St Munn No 496 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March

We go overseas on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March when RWM Bro Bob Bain will take a deputation to Lodge St Munn No 496 in Sandbank in the Province of Argyll and the Isles. Past Masters Bobby Diamond and Tom Cossar of 496 are well known faces on this side of the water having made regular visits across here over the years. It is about 20 years since No XII made a visit to Lodge 496.

We shall use the Western Ferries crossing leaving McInroy's Point at 1830 and returning at 2200 from Hunter's Quay. For further details contact Alan Beck WSW at [tenor.alanbeck@ntlworld.com](mailto:tenor.alanbeck@ntlworld.com) or 07739514242

## No XII Burns Supper

140 brethren and friends were in the Town Hall on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February for the No XII Charity Burns Supper and, of course, there has been a special edition of XII Talk with all the details. Of course, the numbers meant that the event had to be moved from the Saloon at the last moment and after we had stopped selling tickets! We could have had still more brethren and friends there and intend to do so next year. The next Burns Supper is planned for Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2013. This one was the biggest Burns Supper in Inverclyde this year and we intend to build on that.

The success of the fund raising was undoubtedly due to the persuasive powers of our auctioneer, Bro Paul Galbraith (No XII). The Lodge was delighted with support given by other local organisations that had numbers of guests present, particularly the Greenock Golf Club, the Royal West of Scotland Amateur Boat Club, the Greenock Arts Guild, the Rotary Club of Gourrock, Greenock Wanderers RFC, Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 and Lodge Shalom No 1600. Of course, numerous other Lodges were represented.

The raffles and auctions brought in over £2000 for *Help the Heroes* and the 1<sup>st</sup> Greenock Company of the Boys' Brigade.

Contact Bro Alan at [tenor.alanbeck@ntlworld.com](mailto:tenor.alanbeck@ntlworld.com) or 07739514242 to reserve your place for 2013!!!!!!



**The No XII Burns Supper 2012**  
**Back: Rev David Young Bros Alan Beck Fraser Gray Paul Galbraith Alasdair Beaton**  
**Front: Bros Iain Gordon Iain White Ian Ross Bob Bain Alasdair Hendry**



**Bro Allan Glen plays Red, Red Rose**



**Bro Billy Blackett (217) and Jimmy Kidd (Greenock Golf Club)**



## The Charity Drive

The success of the Charity Drive continues. It was decided by the General Committee at its meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January that we would concentrate on two beneficiaries - *Help for Heroes* and the 1<sup>st</sup> Greenock Company of the Boys' Brigade. The 1<sup>st</sup> Greenock celebrates its 125<sup>th</sup> 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, £804.27 has been raised to which, at least £2100 from the Burns Supper needs to be added for a total of over £2900. The drive will end with the special Diamond Jubilee Celebration meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June.

## 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.

## Visit to Rosslyn Chapel

RWM Bro Bob Bain is organising a visit to Rosslyn Chapel on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2012. The price for a place on the bus is £10.00 return. Entry into the Chapel is £7.70 with concessions £6.10.

There will be a conducted tour at 11am which should last approximately one hour. After that, there will be time to walk through the beautiful gardens or browse the shop and visit the café for a bite to eat before the return journey. The trip is open to all.

The various pick up points are:- West Kilbride: 8.00am; Largs, (Railway Station): 8.20am; Wemyss Bay(station) 8.30am; McInroy's Point Gourock: 8.45am; Ardgowan Bowling Club: 9.00am.

If you would like to come along, contact, Bro Bob Bain, Tel; 01475670276 or Cell; 07753108979

## The Dunbartonshire Association of Masters and Past Masters

Our friend from Lodge St John Whiteinch No 689, Bro Robert Geddes PM, is President of the Dunbartonshire Association of Masters and Past Masters. He was kind enough to invite me to speak at their meeting on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February. I took *Guess*



*who's coming to dinner?* as my theme and did a wee paper on Freemasons that I would ask to join me at my dinner party. It was a very pleasant afternoon held in the magnificent premises of Lodge Bonhill and Alexandria No 321. After the talk, we retired to the lounge and had a lovely buffet.

I am shown in the middle in the photo, flanked by Bro Alan Brown (Secretary) and Robert Geddes (president)

## **Past Masters and the Burns 'Season' (2)**

After my talk to the Masters and Past Masters Association of Dunbartonshire, I scooted back to Greenock, got changed into my kilt and head for Busby where I was toasting the Immortal Memory at the Burns Supper of The Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge No 275. The Burns Supper was being held in aid of 275's Bicentenary Fund as the Lodge is 200 years old in 2018. 122 brethren and friends were crammed into the hall and a great night was had by all. By coincidence, Iain Gordon was toasting the Lassies just as he did for No XII. The Burns Supper was chaired by Bro Bobby Shaw PM of 275. Bobby is a former Police Commander in Greenock. Iain held that post too!



**Burns Supper 2012  
The Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge No 275  
Bro Bobby Shaw PM (275) Bro Iain White PM (XII) Bro Iain Gordon (1566)**

## **A dip into our History**

At the Burns Supper we were pleased to welcome among us Guy Clark, the Lord Lieutenant of Renfrewshire. Guy is the grandson of Sir Walter Guy Shaw Stewart who was a member of No XII and Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire West. Guy will be addressing us on his role as The Queen's representative in Renfrewshire at our Diamond Jubilee Celebration meeting in June.

Some information from our Minute Books about Sir Guy follows.

### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 1933**

Bro John Waddell, RW Master, in the Chair

An application for membership was submitted from Walter Guy Shaw Stewart (Late) Major Coldstream Guards

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 1933**

Bro John Waddell, RW Master, in the Chair

The ballot was taken and found clear for the undernoted candidate

Walter Guy Shaw-Stewart

(Late) Major Coldstream Guards

Aged 40, born in London

Proposed by Sir Hugh Shaw-Stewart RWPGM of Renfrewshire West and seconded by Bro Robert Smith, Secretary

The lodge was then reduced to the Entered Apprentice degree when the candidate Walter Guy Shaw-Stewart, after preparation in the adjacent, was initiated into the mysteries of this degree

**Iain White PM**