

# Twelve Talk

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## Meetings 2011-12

- \* 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  
Mark
- \* Thursday 07.06.12  
Special Meeting  
A Celebration of Her  
Majesty's Diamond Jubilee:  
Lecture by Lord Lieutenant  
of Renfrewshire Guy Clark



**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 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2012

Bro Allan Glen will be raised on Tuesday coming. Allan has been a really enthusiastic Mason since he joined us, with a number of visits under his belt. He is really looking forward to his Third and the Degree team is Obligation - Bro Bob Bain RWM; Retrospect - Bro Paul Galbraith; Raising - Bro Hector

Macphail; Secrets - Bro Kenny Morrison PM; Apron - Bro Alan Beck WSW; Working Tools - Bro Martin Anderson WJW; Traditional History - Bro Bob Bain RWM; Tracing Board - Bro Bob Bain RWM; Charge - Bro Ken MacDougall PM Secy. The team contains a fair mixture of experience and debutants so a good night is in store.

### Onwards and Upwards

The upward spiral for No XII continues. Attendances are increasing and we are especially glad to see that our stated policy of encouraging members back is working well. Bro Craig Hunter has been with us at the last two meetings after about 15 years away and we were delighted that Bro Murray Thomson PM came all the way from the east coast to our last meeting. Could you be next? Also the applications are rolling in. We have an enquiry on Tuesday and a paper to be read out. As Buzz Lightyear himself would say, 'To infinity and beyond'!

### Our previous meeting Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012

As is detailed in Special Edition No 2, we had a brilliant evening when the brethren of the Scots Lodge No 2319 (EC) came up from London and exemplified the Entered Apprentice Degree. W. Bro Paul Treadwell led a deputation of 16 into the already well-filled lodge. The degree was much appreciated by all and a happy time was spent at Harmony thereafter when old friendships were renewed and new ones made.

### Queen's Diamond Jubilee Meeting

RWM Bro Bob Bain cordially invites you to a (very) special meeting of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII on **Thursday 7th June** at 730 in The Saloon of The Town Hall, Greenock. The purpose of the meeting is to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The main agenda item is a talk by Guy Clark, Lord Lieutenant of Renfrewshire entitled 'My Role as the Queen's Representative in Renfrewshire'. Guy is the grandson of the late

Bro Sir Walter Guy Shaw Stewart, former Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire West and member of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII. He will be introduced by a short talk from Bro Iain White PM entitled 'The Shaw Stewarts and No XII'. Patriotic songs will be sung by Bro Alan Beck WSW. Brethren are encouraged to wear red, white and blue. There will be a light supper after the meeting. The evening will be in aid of *Help for Heroes* and will be the culmination of No XII's 2011-12 Charity Drive.

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> March. The brethren of No XII are doing a great job spreading the cement of brotherly love within the Province and beyond.

- Lodge Shalom No 1600 on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012 (Passing conferred by Lodge Montefiore No 753) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, PM Bro James Adams, PM Bro Iain White, WSW Bro Alan Beck, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Paul Galbraith, Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Allan Glen, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, HM Bro Neil Forbes and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2012 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012 (Passing conferred by Lodge Springburn No 1198) – attended by WSW Bro Alan Beck, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Paul Galbraith, Bro Allan Glen and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick.
- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, WSW Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Martin Anderson, PM Bro James Adams, PM Bro Iain White, PM Bro Kenneth Morrison, PM Bro Kenneth MacDougall, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Paul Galbraith, Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, HM Bro Neil Forbes and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, PM Bro James Adams, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Paul Galbraith, Bro James McGregor Jnr, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012 (Mark Degree) – attended by WSW Bro Alan Beck, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick

## At Whiteinch with Lodge The Gael

### Lodge St John Whiteinch No 683 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

No XII began an association with Lodge St John Whiteinch way back when Bro Iain White was in the Chair in 1989. No XII had a Past Master's Jewel belonging to 683 and took a deputation there to present the jewel to RWM Bro Thomas Diamond. A number of brethren visited Whiteinch when, coincidentally, our great friends from Lodge The Gael No 609 conferred a raising. RWM Bro Bob Bain was accompanied by Bros Ken MacDougall PM, Iain White PM, Alan Beck WSW, Paul Galbraith and Allan MacFeate. We received a really warm welcome into 683 from Bro Robert McLachlan RWM. This was our first visit to Whiteinch for about 20 years!

The deputation from Lodge the Gael No 609 was led, in the usual manner, by several of the Lodge Pipers, including No XII's Honorary Members Bros Donnie Finlayson PM, Keith Bowes Snr PM and Hamish McLachlan PM. Our other Honorary Member Bro Bill Bryce IPM was also in the deputation and stood in as WJW. The Raising conferred by Lodge The Gael was truly excellent. In the midst of this excellence special mention must go to Bro Donnie Finlayson PM HM XII whose work on the emblems was magnificent; Donnie always does this so well, as those of us who were at 626 a couple of weeks ago know, but he really surpassed himself at Whiteinch.



After the meeting we had a really enjoyable time at Harmony where the brethren of No XII made a sterling contribution. Honorary member Donnie Finlayson gave his customary polished performance of *Cailin mo ruinsa*. Bros Bain and Beck sang wonderfully but sadly their performances were eclipsed, inevitably, when The Great Caruso himself took the floor ... Unfortunately, Renfrewshire West's most popular freemason (also in the deputation) could not be persuaded to contribute despite his expertise in several musical genres ...

**RWMs Bain and McLachlan**

**Bros Beck, White, Finlayson and MacFeate**



**Ken MacDougall appreciates Alan's singing!**



**No XII at the head of the table**



**Cailin mo Ruinsa from Donnie**

**Bob gives us Sinatra**

## **Invitations**

### **Lodge Burns Dundonald No 1759 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

No has been invited by Lodge Burns Dundonald to confer an entering on one of its candidates on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Our friends from Dundonald conferred a Passing for us last month. The meeting is at Montgomerie Hall, Main Street, Dundonald. For further details, or to enquire about transportation, contact Alan Beck WSW at [tenor.alanbeck@ntlworld.com](mailto:tenor.alanbeck@ntlworld.com) or 07739514242

### **The Scots Lodge No 2319 (EC) Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

Past Master Bro Iain White has been invited to propose the Toast to The Immortal Memory at the Dinner after the Burns Night meeting of the Scots Lodge on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2013 in Mark Masons Hall, London SW1.

## **Forthcoming Visits**

### **The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

No XII has been invited by The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 to confer a Degree on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Our friends from 1566 conferred a degree for us in January. Bro Brian McFadyen is, of course, an office bearer in both lodges. The meeting is at 19 Luckinsford Road, Inchinnan, Renfrewshire PA4 9PJ. For further details, or to enquire about transportation, contact Alan Beck WSW at [tenor.alanbeck@ntlworld.com](mailto:tenor.alanbeck@ntlworld.com) or 07739514242

## **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, **£3214.27** has been raised. 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. Letters of reminder have been sent out to brethren who are in arrears.

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.

**The coach is now full!**

## **A Dip into our History**

There are a couple of interesting points regarding this minute extract. Firstly, the Lodge meeting is on a Monday rather than a Tuesday. Secondly, the brethren from No XII received their degrees in Lodge Crawfordsburn

### **Meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 1936**

#### **RWM Bro Peter R Jacobs in the Chair**

#### **Raised in Lodge Crawfordsburn on 13<sup>th</sup> October Bros Anderson, McBride and Houston**

A letter was read from Lodge Crawfordsburn No 1121 in response to a requisition from the Master and Wardens of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning, the following Fellowcraft Brethren were raised the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:- Bros John Anderson, Angus McBride and Hugh Rough Houston. The necessity for this arrangement was owing to the Saloon of the Town Hall being otherwise engaged on the 13<sup>th</sup> October and our desire to meet the wishes of two of the foregoing brethren before they went abroad. At the request of the Master of Lodge Crawfordsburn, the ceremonial work was carried out by our office bearers.