

Twelve Talk

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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 1st and 3rd Tuesdays – September to April

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Our next meeting **Mark Degree** **Tuesday 17th April** **2012**

Bros Paul Galbraith, James McGregor Jnr, and Allan Glen will be advanced on Tuesday coming. We have returned to what used to be the pattern in No XII of holding the Mark Degree on the evening of the last regular meeting of the session. James and Allan have been exceptionally enthusiastic

Masons since they joined us during 2011 – 12 and now make their Mark within weeks of being raised. On the other hand, the 'most popular mason in the Province' will make his Mark some 16 years after he was raised. RWM – Bro Bob Bain; MO – Bro Ken MacDougall; SO – Bro James Adams; JO – Bro Willie Lothian; Conductor – Bro Kenny Morrison; Lecture – Bro Jim Livingstone;

Working Tools – Bro Allan MacFeate; Apron – Bro Alan Beck. Again we have a mixture of old hands and first-timers. Bros MacDougall, Lothian, Livingstone, MacFeate and Beck are making their debuts in these roles in No XII; the others have been this way before. It promises to be a great evening and it must be rare that a No XII Mark Degree team has had such an enthusiastic and committed group of Candidates to work with.

Our previous meeting **Tuesday 3rd April 2012**

Bro Allan Glen was raised on an evening where the Saloon was again well-filled. Almost 50 brethren were present with equal numbers of No XII and visiting brethren providing a great atmosphere. The degree team responded very well providing as good an example of the Third Degree ceremonial as has been seen in a long time. Leading the visitors were RWMs Bro Alex Johnstone of Greenock St John's No 175 and George Carson of Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121. Bro Jim Livingstone (also RWM of Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425) was at his customary place providing the musical accompaniment.

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 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.

Visitations made

The following visitations were reported at the meeting of 3rd April. The brethren of No XII continue to do a great job spreading the cement of brotherly love within the Province and beyond.

- Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 on 22nd March 2012 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, WSW Bro Alan Beck, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Paul Galbraith, Bro Allan Glen, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge St John Whiteinch No 683 on 23rd March 2012 (a Raising conferred by Lodge The Gael No 609) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, PM Bro Iain White, PM Bro Kenneth MacDougall, WSW Bro Alan Beck, Bro Allan MacFeate and Bro Paul Galbraith
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 23rd March 2012 (Entering) – attended by PM Bro James Adams and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 26th March 2012 (Passing) – attended by Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 27th March 2012 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, PM Bro James Adams, WSW Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Martin Anderson, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Paul Galbraith and Bro Allan MacFeate
- Lodge Burns Dundonald No 1759 on 30th March 2012 (Annual Installation) – attended by WSW Bro Alan Beck, Bro James McGregor Snr and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick

Raising at The Lodge of Erskine

The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 Thursday 12th April

A report from Bro Alan Beck WSW ...

“On the evening of Thursday, April 12th, fifteen Brethren of No XII made a visit to The Lodge of Erskine No1566 in the Province of Renfrewshire East to exemplify a Raising. This was a reciprocal visit by No XII, as The Lodge of Erskine had very kindly accepted our own invitation to confer a Raising on Bro James McGregor Jnr on January 17th this year. In the company of Bro Robert McDonald of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No68, and several visiting brethren from within and without the Provinces of Renfrewshire East, No XII Brethren, WJW Bro Martin Anderson, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro James McGregor Snr, Bro James McGregor Jnr and our newest Master Mason Bro Allan Glen, watched (and perambulated) as the degree was exemplified by Bro Albert MacLean (Prayer), RWM Bro Robert Bain (Obligation, Traditional History and Tracing Board) Bro Paul Galbraith (Retrospect), PM Bro Jim Adams (Raising), PM Bro Kenneth Morrison (Secrets), WSW Bro Alan Beck (Apron), Bro Brian McFadyen (Working Tools), PM Bro Ken MacDougall (Charge). At the traditional Harmony afterwards, NoXII continued its winning streak in the raffle and RWM Bro Bob and WSW Bro Alan gave a song ... it was however remarked upon by the Brethren how much the singing of PM Bro Iain White (aka *The Great Caruso*) was missed.”

Forthcoming Visits

Lodge Burns Dundonald No 1759 Friday 11th May

No has been invited by Lodge Burns Dundonald to confer an entering on one of its candidates on Friday 11th 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 or 07739514242

Exciting News from Canada

We have some exciting news from Canada. Bro Donald Stewart who has lived in Toronto for many years, and whose father was RWM of No XII in 1943-45, has been in touch with me. I have been gathering information and a Special Edition of *XII Talk* will ‘spill the beans’ in the near future. There is a big story to tell ...

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 would 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, **£3252.27** has been raised. The drive will end with the special Diamond Jubilee Celebration meeting on 7th June.

SANDs Charity Fundraiser

An event is being organised by Brother Ken MacDougall, our Past Master and Secretary and his wife in aid of SANDS. (Stillbirth and Neo-natal Death Charity). It will take place in Old Gourrock and Ashton Parish Church on Saturday 21st April at 7.30 pm and features an excellent line-up of stars, promising to be a wonderful evening of musical entertainment with Bros Alan Beck and Allan Glen amongst the artistes.

A flyer is attached to the accompanying email giving the relevant details. Your involvement will be welcome either by your attendance or by financial donation

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, Gourrock PA19 1UZ.

Visit to Rosslyn Chapel

RWM Bro Bob Bain is organising a visit to Rosslyn Chapel on Saturday 28th April 2012 and the big day will soon be upon us.

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 Gourrock: 8.45am; Ardgowan Bowling Club: 9.00am.

The coach is now full!

A Dip into our History

At regular meetings round the Province, we have recently heard the letter from Grand Lodge regarding RWPGM Bro James W Miller demitting office next year and asking for nominations for his successor being read. This office was, in bygone days, traditionally held by the Shaw Stewarts of Ardgowan who were members of No XII. The following extract from our minutes has some relevance ...

Meeting on Tuesday 15th February 1938

RWM Bro William W Buchanan in the Chair

Regarding Expiry of Commission of Provincial Grand Master

A letter from Grand Lodge regarding the expiry, in May next, of the Commission of Bro Sir Hugh Shaw Stewart Bart KCB as Provincial Grand Master was considered on the motion of Bro WW Buchanan RW Master, seconded by Bro Thos P McIntyre SW it was unanimously agreed to recommend that Bro Sir Hugh Shaw Stewart be again appointed to the Office.

Iain White PM