

Twelve Talk

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- * 02.10.12
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- * 16.10.12
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- * 06.11.12
Entering
- * 20.11.12
Annual Meeting and Installation of Office Bearers
- * 04.12.12
Annual Divine Service



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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Tuesday 6th November 2012

Entering

The last degree worked in RWM Bro Bob Bain's term of office will be on Tuesday and is an Entering. It is great that we have yet another Candidate embarking on his Masonic journey. Indeed, No XII now had enough candidates to see us through to the beginning of 2014. This is a great situation for the

Lodge to be in. The Degree team will be **Obligation** RWM Bro Bob Bain; **Secrets** Bro Iain White PM; **Apron** Bro Alan Beck WSW; **North East Corner** Bro Brian McFadyen; **Working Tools** Bro Allan Glen **Charge** Bro Jim Adams PM. The Lecture on the First Degree Tracing Board will not be delivered at this Entering.

Bro Bob has had a terrific year in Office leading the Lodge with energy, inspiration, expertise and 100% commitment. He has visited widely, drawn our

own members back into the Lodge and by his own enthusiasm encouraged others to be likewise.

Please do your best to get along to his last meeting and join in the hearty vote of thanks for a job well done.

Annual Divine Service

The Annual Divine Service on Tuesday 4th December will be conducted by Rev. David Young in the Saloon of the Town Hall at 730 pm.

Financial Matters

Test Fees and Life Members' donations in lieu of Capitation Fees are now due for 2012-13. Test Fees are very reasonably set at £30 in No XII. We did really well in 2011-12 as we worked hard to maximise our income from members and aim to continue in the same way this session!

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.

Tuesday 16th October

There was another excellent attendance at the Lodge and a good atmosphere in the Saloon. David Ramage was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of freemasonry by the following Degree team: **Obligation** RWM Bro Bob Bain; **Secrets** Bro KK Morrison PM; **Apron** Bro Alan Beck WSW; **North East Corner** Bro Paul Galbraith; **Working Tools** Bro Martin Anderson WJW;

Tracing Board Bro Ken MacDougall PM;
Charge Bro Jim Adams PM.

Annual Installation Tuesday 20th November

The Annual Meeting will precede the Installation and the Lodge will open to members at 630pm. Visiting brethren will be admitted between 645 and 7pm. After the meeting, a traditional Masonic Harmony supper will be served, free of charge, in the Town Hall. Be there to see Bro Alan D Beck installed into the Chair!

Lodge Diaries

Lodge Diaries are available for £4 from the Secretary or the Treasurer. Numbers are restricted so buy now to avoid disappointment. This could be the perfect Christmas present to roll back the years to happy days when mail was carried by the Post Office, the net was something used by fishermen, only spiders had webs and a tablet was something you took when you didn't feel 100% - and people kept diaries on paper!

Honour for Bro Iain White PM

The following is from our WSW Bro Alan Beck ...



Gordon Thompson John Neil Beaton (PM 609 - Obligation)
Douglas Bryce (RWM 609) Iain White Alan Beck (XII)

Thursday October 25th was a special day for one of No XII's Past Masters, Bro Iain White ... and a surprising one too! A few days earlier, I had received a text from Lodge The Gael's RWM-elect Bro Alasdair Beaton (a well-kent face in No XII through his piping) informing me that it was the will of his lodge that Bro Iain was to be offered honorary membership of The Gael. Bro Alasdair also asked for my help in finding out when Bro Iain would next be visiting 609 in order that the oath could be taken. Now Bro Iain has been a keen visitor at The Gael for many years (he says it's because of the piping but personally I think it's because of the long recesses in the bar and the harmony hospitality), so I knew that he could

easily be persuaded to accompany me on a visit on October 25th. On this occasion we were joined by Inner Guard Bro Gordon Thompson and from Lodge Firth of Clyde 626 WJW Bro Nicky Stetz and PM Bro Brian Hopkins (Bro Iain's brother-in-law). Bro Iain, who knew nothing of the presentation was pleasantly surprised to see the other Renfrewshire West brethren ... but was still none the wiser, however the secret was almost blown during the reading of the minutes. The Bro Secretary came to a section entitled, "Honorary Membership". He then proceeded to read out that, "It was agreed that Honorary Membership be awarded to Bro Iain ... err ... (my heart was in my mouth) ... err ... Bro Iain ... (the secretary looked around the lodge and clapped eyes on Iain) ... err ... Bro Iain ... Smith!" - not the most original of surnames, I grant you, but a great save nevertheless ... and Iain was still none the wiser. At the close of business, the RWM asked if Bro Iain would come to the centre of the floor, informed him of the will of the lodge and asked if he would accept the Honorary Membership. Bro Iain replied, "Wow! I'd be delighted". He was then invited to the altar and thereafter took the oath.

At the harmony later that evening, I was asked to sing, but given the occasion, I felt it was only right and proper that Bro Iain, known in No XII circles as 'The Great Caruso', be invited to display his vocal prowess, and so the assembled brethren were treated to his famous rendition of *The Green Oak Tree*.

The cement of brotherly love between No XII and 609 was further cemented when the RWM-elect invited No XII to confer a Passing on February 28th and also invited me to reply on behalf of the visitors at his own Installation on December 13th. I'm sure the Brethren of No XII will enjoy 609's famous hospitality on both of these occasions but particularly The Gael's newest honorary member, Bro Iain White PM, Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII. **Alan D Beck WSW.**

Bro Henry S Tibbles PM



2012 is the year of the Jubilees. In No XII we have already celebrated Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee with the special meeting in June. We have another one up and coming. Our esteemed Past Master, Bro Henry S Tibbles, joined No XII on 10th November 1942 whilst he was based here on active service with the Royal Navy. Henry's home was in Kent. So Henry celebrates his 70 years in No XII in under a week. This will be his Platinum Jubilee. It is a wonderful record and Henry has packed in a great deal of Freemasonry over these years. Of course he is a Past Worshipful Master of Scots Lodge No 2319 (EC), to which he affiliated whilst working in the South, as well as having been Right Worshipful Master in No XII.

We plan to have a celebration for Henry at our meeting on 4th December so put this date in your diary please to help us give Henry the evening which his contribution to the Craft deserves.

Visits – Some Diary Dates

Friday 16 th November 2012 at 645 pm	Lodge Sir Michael No 989	Annual Installation
Friday 30 th November 2012 at 645 pm	Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217	Annual Installation
Friday 23 rd November 2012 at 730 pm	Lodge Greenock St John's No 175	XII conferring 2 nd
Thursday 6 th December 2012 at 645 pm	Lodge Shalom No 1600	Annual Installation
Friday 7 th December 2012 at 645 pm	Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425	Annual Installation
Saturday 8 th December 2012 at 2 pm	Lodge Rothesay St John No 292	Annual Installation
Thursday 13 th December 2012 at 7pm	Lodge The Gael No 609	Annual Installation
Friday 14 th December 2012 at 645 pm	Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68	Annual Installation
Friday 14 th December 2012 at 630 pm	Lodge St John Whiteinch No 683	Annual Installation
Thursday 14 th March 2013 at 730 pm	Lodge Shalom No 1600	XII conferring 2 nd

Reports on Visits

The RWM, Office Bearers and brethren of No XII continue to do a power of work visiting sister Lodges.

- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 20th September 2012 (Raising) – attended by Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Quarterly Communication of PGLRW on 3rd October 2012 – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain and WSW Bro Alan Beck
- Lodge Operative No 150 on 2nd October (Raising) – attended by Bro Paul Galbraith
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 4th October 2012 (Exemplification of Fellowcraft Degree) – attended by Bro Eddie McGill
- Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814 On 5th October 2012 (Lecture) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, WSW Bro Alan Beck, PM Bro James Adams and Bro James Livingstone
- Funeral of PPGM Bro Richard S. Bain – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 8th October 2012 (Passing) – attended by Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 8th October 2012 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, WSW Bro Alan Beck, PM Bro James Adams and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning Skelmorlie No 624 on 10th October 2012 (Exemplification of Fellowcraft Degree) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, WSW Bro Alan Beck, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Livingstone and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Lodge Bon Accord No 669 on 10th October 2012 (Meeting only) – attended by Bro Paul Galbraith
- The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 on 11th October 2012 (Entering) – attended by WSW Bro Alan Beck, PM Bro James Adams, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 13th October 2012 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, SM Bro Alexander Galbraith, PM Bro James Adams, PM Bro Kenneth MacDougall, Bro Allan Glen, Bro Paul Galbraith, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Joe Fogarty, Bro James Livingstone
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 15th October 2012 (Passing) – attended by WSW Bro Alan Beck, PM Bro Kenneth Morrison, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick

A little from the History of No XII

Meeting on Tuesday 6th August 1940

RWM Bro Wm W Buchanan in the Chair

Regarding the appointment of Bro AFR Caird PM as an Honorary Sheriff Substitute

Bro RC Smith PM referred to the recent appointment of Bro AFR Caird as an Honorary Sheriff Substitute for Renfrew and Bute and in warmly congratulating Bro Caird on behalf of the brethren he spoke of our feeling of satisfaction in having one of our brethren chosen for that responsible Office.

Burns Supper 2013

The **No XII Burns Supper** will be held in the Greenock Town Hall on **Saturday 9th February 2013**. The 2012 event was terrific. The aim is to make the 2013 affair bigger and better! It will be held in aid of the 2012-13 Charity Drive.

The toast to The **Immortal Memory** will be proposed by **Bro Drew McKenzie**, Past Master of Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121. Drew is noted for his Immortal Memories and is much in demand as an after dinner speaker. We shall certainly enjoy an amusing and informative Immortal Memory

Already we have been promised sponsorship by Tony Buckley, the Town Hall caterer, and he has taken the first table for 10. That means there are only 18 tables left! Get your table reserved for Inverclyde's biggest Burns Supper by calling Allan Beck on 07739514242 or Iain White on 07575752570.

Watch future editions of XII Talk for more details...

Iain White PM