

# Twelve Talk

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## Meetings 2012-13

\* 04.09.12  
Entering and Notice of Motion

\* 18.09.12  
Business Meeting:  
Nomination and Election of Office Bearers (Members Only); Ballot

\* 02.10.12  
Passing by Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68

\* 16.10.12  
Entering

\* 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays – September to April

RWM -Elect Bro Alan D Beck Westhaven 44 Denholm Street Greenock PA16 8RJ (07739514242)  
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### New Charity Drive

The Lodge is increasingly committed to its work in the wider community. This was reflected in our very successful Charity Drive in 2011-12 when £3500 was raised. Sums of £1500 each were given to *Help for Heroes* and 1<sup>st</sup> Greenock Company, The Boys' Brigade. A further £500 was given to Sands, the stillbirth and neonatal death charity. RWM – elect Bro Alan Beck has made his choice of

recipients for the 2012-13 drive. The close affinity between No XII and armed forces' charities continues as Alan selected the Erskine Home as one of the beneficiaries. Erskine has been caring for veterans since 1916. His other choice reflects his own interest in the arts as the Youth Theatre at the new Beacon Centre, Greenock will benefit. These were ratified by the General Committee at its meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November. We

were delighted with our efforts last year and we aim to do even better in 2012-13. The first major event will be the Charity Burns Supper on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February. We have already been promised a signed Rangers top by Bro Billy Blackett of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 for the auction. Further donations are welcome.

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> October

There was another excellent attendance at the Lodge and a good atmosphere in the Saloon. Bob Crossan was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of freemasonry by the following Degree team: **Obligation** RWM Bro Bob Bain; **Secrets** Bro Iain PM; **Apron** Bro Alan Beck WSW; **North East Corner** Bro Brian McFadyen; **Working Tools** Bro Allan Glen; **Tracing Board** Bro Ken MacDougall PM;

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**Charge** Bro Jim Adams PM. Also Bro Ewan McLean was affiliated into the Lodge.

### Annual Installation Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **New RWM for No XII**

*This piece was in the Greenock Telegraph on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2012.*

On Tuesday November 20<sup>th</sup>, Freemasons from within and outwith the Province of Renfrewshire West will gather in Greenock Town Hall to attend the 285<sup>th</sup> Annual Installation of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII. They will witness the installation of Bro Alan D Beck as Right Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Bro Beck succeeds Bro Robert J Bain who has held the post of RWM for the last year.

This very prestigious lodge, which boasts peers and knights of the realm amongst its past senior office bearers, is the oldest in the province and one of the oldest in the world. Instituted in 1728, the lodge was represented at Mary's Chapel, Edinburgh at the institution of The Grand Lodge of Scotland on November 30<sup>th</sup> 1736. It is, in fact, the oldest organisation in Inverclyde.

In being elected to this office, Bro Beck will follow in a long line of distinguished citizens who have



previously held this office and he is very much looking forward to the challenge it represents. During his term of office Bro Beck aims to continue the growth of the Lodge, further enhance its involvement in the community, continue its significant charitable work and support sister lodges in Scotland and beyond.

He and his officer bearers will be installed by Bros. Iain White, Hector Macphail and Kenneth C McDougall, all Past Masters of No XII.

A native of Lanarkshire who was educated at the

Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and Glasgow University, Bro Beck is a well-known and highly accomplished musician. A winner of several distinguished singing competitions, he spent the first years of his professional musical career as a principal solo tenor at the State Opera in Stuttgart, Germany and has also performed for Scottish Opera, English National Opera, Welsh National Opera and Opera Ireland. He is a founder member of the three tenors group Caledon with whom he has performed all over the world including for HM The Queen at the opening of the Scottish Parliament, HE Kofi Annan at the UN Headquarters in New York and at venues such as The Sydney Opera House, T-in-the-Park and Hampden Park for the Scottish international football team.

As a music teacher, Bro Beck has taught at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and the Royal Northern College of Music. He is currently a member of the teaching staff of Scottish Opera and Clydevue Academy. He has also had great success as a composer of children's music having recently received two commissions from the Scottish Arts Council, Creative Scotland.

He lives in Greenock with his wife, Polly who is also a well-known musician, and their sons Adam and Reuben

## **Lodge Diaries**

Lodge Diaries are now sold out!

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Annual Divine Service on 4<sup>th</sup> 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 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 645 pm	Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217	Annual Installation
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2012 at 730 pm	Lodge Greenock St John's No 175	XII conferring 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 645 pm	Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425	Annual Installation
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 2 pm	Lodge Rothesay St John No 292	Annual Installation
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 7pm	Lodge The Gael No 609	Annual Installation
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 645 pm	Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68	Annual Installation
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 630 pm	Lodge St John Whiteinch No 683	Annual Installation
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2013	Lodge The Gael No 609	XII conferring 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 730 pm	Lodge Shalom No 1600	XII conferring 2 <sup>nd</sup>

## Reports on Visits

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

- Lodge Dunoon Argyll No 335 on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2012 (2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplification) – attended by Bro Andrew Barton, IPM Bro Arthur Young and Bro David Weir
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, WJW Bro Martin Anderson, PM Bro James Adams, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Allan Glen, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge Toryglen No 1561 on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2012 (Passing by Lodge Greenock St John's No 175) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, WSW Bro Alan Beck and IG Bro Gordon Thomson
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2012 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, WSW Bro Alan Beck, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012 (Lecture on Robert Burns the Mason) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, WSW Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Martin Anderson and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- The Grand Lodge of Scotland on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2012 (Communication) – attended by Bro Allan Glen
- Lodge The Gael No 609 on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2012 (Mark Degree) – attended by WSW Bro Alan Beck, PM Bro Iain White and IG Bro Gordon Thomson
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2012 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, WSW Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Martin Anderson, PM Bro James Adams, PM Bro Ken MacDougall, Bro James McGregor Snr, Bro James McGregor Jnr, Bro William Gibson, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Paul Galbraith, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro Alexander Galbraith and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge The Prince's No 607 on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012 (Annual Installation) – attended by PM Bro Iain White

## **A little from the History of No XII**

It would seem that in the 1930s, brethren worked away from home just as they do nowadays. Perhaps the economic situation then was similar to that which we see today. This led to a situation, described below, which, nowadays, would be described as a little unusual to say the least!

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

RWM Bro Peter R Jacobs in the Chair

Raised in Lodge Crawfurdsburn on 13<sup>th</sup> October Bros Anderson, McBride and Houstoun

A letter was read from Lodge Crawfurdsburn 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 Crawfurdsburn, the ceremonial work was carried out by our office bearers.

## **Burns Supper 2013**

The **No XII Burns Supper** will be held in the Greenock Town Hall on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Crawfurdsburn 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**