

Twelve Talk

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- * 04.06.13
Special Summer Meeting
Details to be confirmed



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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Annual Installation

The Annual Installation on 20th November was a huge success. RWM Bro Alan Beck was installed into the Chair in front of 32 brethren of No XII and 143 brethren in total. This is the largest Installation attendance for a long time. It was reflected in a collection for Grand Lodge of £265. The attendance of 32 brethren of No XII is the best at any meeting

for at least 5 years. The installation ceremonial was conducted by Past Masters of No XII – Bros Iain White, Ken MacDougall and Hector Macphail. Bro Murray Thomson PM also made a significant contribution at the Board of Installed Masters which was held in the old Court Room (once Past Master Bro White found it)! The theme for the evening was 'Back to the Future' where we looked at bringing back some of No

XII's former practices as a springboard to the future of the Lodge. After the meeting, we had a light supper and Harmony in the Town Hall. We were delighted that Provost Robert Moran accepted our invitation to join us. We were entertained by friends of the RWM – Elliot McKelvie, who sang, and Iain McCrorie and Craig Dunsmore who played. A full report will be in an Installation Special Edition to follow.

Next Meeting Tuesday 4th December

The Annual Divine Service will take place on Tuesday 4th December at 630pm in the Court Room. It will be conducted by Rev David Young, Chaplain at the University of Strathclyde. After the Service we shall present Bro Henry S Tibbles PM with his 70th Anniversary Diploma (details on page 2). The evening will be a very special one and we would hope to have a good attendance to celebrate Henry's achievement.



Our new RWM – Bro Alan D Beck

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.

Our celebration for Henry will be at the next meeting - the Annual Divine Service on 4th December and we hope to see you there.

Visitation to Confer Fellowcraft Degree at Lodge Greenock St John's No 175

No XII's close relationship with Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 was cemented further on Friday 23rd November when our new RWM, Bro Alan Beck took a large deputation to confer the Fellowcraft Degree at the invitation of Bro Alex Johnstone RWM.



The 17 No XII members are shown in the photo above: (from left) Bros Allan Glen, Jim Adams PM, Gordon Thompson, Jim Strachan; Kenny Morrison PM, Neil Forbes, Dugald Rankin, Eddie McGill, Alan Beck RWM, Ken MacDougall PM, Bob Bain IPM, Jim McGregor, Allan MacFeate, Brian McFadyen, Crawford Kirkpatrick, Paul Galbraith WJW and Iain White PM.

This was our debut under Alan's leadership and the Degree team was: **Obligation** Bro Alan Beck RWM; **Secrets** Bro Kenny Morrison PM; **Apron** Bro Ken MacDougall PM; **Working Tools** Bro Brian McFadyen; **Tracing Board** Bro Iain White PM; **Charge** Bro Bob Bain IPM. After some excellent fellowship in 175's magnificent Temple, we adjourned to the Middle Chamber for soup, sandwiches, a wee refreshment, to further bond existing friendships and make new ones.



In the photo opposite, taken just after the meeting at 175, RWM Bro Alan Beck (left) is seen with RWM Bro Alex Johnstone (175) (centre) and on the right, RWM Bro Archie Hoey (RWM Lodge Randolph Clarkston No 1434). Archie, is of course, a Past Master of both Lodge \Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 and The Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814.

Installation at The Prince's Lodge No 607



A much esteemed former pupil of Govan High (where Bro Iain White is the Head Teacher) was being installed into the Chair at The Prince's Lodge No 607 on 5th November in the Mafeking Buildings in the shadow of Ibrox Stadium. Bro Ian Macpherson MBE had been RWM before in 1997. Bro Iain was part of a small 'deputation' of Burns friends of the RWM-elect who joined him on the occasion. They are all seen in the photo – from left Bro Iain Gordon (The Lodge of Erskine No 1566) Bro Iain White (PM Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII) Bro Ian Macpherson (RWM The Prince's Lodge No 607) and Bro Bobby Shaw (PM The Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge No 275). The Depute Head of Govan High, Bro Andy Masterson (Lodge Neptune No 419), was also there but was posted missing at the time of the photo call!

Bro Ian Macpherson was also honoured recently by being inducted into the Govan High Former Pupil Hall of Fame.

Installation at The Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge No 275



Bro Iain White PM knows the new RWM of The Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge No 275, Bobby Shaw, through a mutual interest in Burns as well as the Craft and Iain delivered the Immortal Memory at 275's Burns Supper earlier this year. Bobby is Strathclyde Police's former Commander in Inverclyde.

Bobby subsequently invited Iain to propose the Toast to the Lodge at his Installation on 24th November. Bobby is seen in the photo opposite with his Past Masters, Office Bearers and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow



The Installation Ceremonial was excellent and the meal which followed was of identical quality. Thereafter, the brethren settled down for the speeches. In researching the history of the Lodge Bro Iain found that the UK Prime Minister Andrew Bonar Law was a member of 275. After a few 'digs' at Bobby, which the brethren seemed to enjoy, Bro Iain concentrated on the importance of Bonar Law's principles and beliefs and how, if he had been blessed with health to be in No 10 for longer, Bro Bonar Law might have made a real difference to our country and, indeed, the world.

Coincidentally, Bro Bobby was first in the Chair at 275 in 1990, when Bro Iain White was RWM in No XII.

In the photo opposite we have from the left Bros Iain White (PM XII), Bobby Shaw (RWM 275) and Andrew Neilson (PM Lodge Meridan

No 1779). Bro Andrew replied to the Toast to The Visiting Brethren.

Bro Iain was delighted to meet a former pipe band colleague, from the Britoil Pipes and Drums in the mid-1980s, Bro Dunky Greenhorn, who is a Past Master of Lodge Neptune No 419 in Govan. Dunky was there on Provincial duties. He is a member of the Board of Stewards of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow.

Visits – Some Diary Dates

Friday 7th December 2012 at 645 pm
 Saturday 8th December 2012 at 2 pm
 Thursday 13th December 2012 at 7pm
 Friday 14th December 2012 at 645 pm
 Friday 14th December 2012 at 630 pm
 Thursday 28th February 2013 at 730 pm
 Thursday 14th March 2013 at 730 pm

Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425
 Lodge Rothesay St John No 292
 Lodge The Gael No 609
 Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68
 Lodge St John Whiteinch No 683
 Lodge The Gael No 609
 Lodge Shalom No 1600

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Reports on Visits

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

- Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 on 8th November 2012 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Joseph Fogarty and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge Randolph No 1434 on 9th November 2012 (Lecture) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 12th November (Passing conferred by Lodge Prince of Wales No 426) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 12th November 2012 (Entering) – attended by WSW Bro Alan Beck and PM Bro Hector Macphail
- Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning Skelmorlie No 624 on 14th November 2012 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, PM Bro James Adams, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Joseph Fogarty
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 15th November 2012 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, WSW Bro Alan Beck, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Joseph Fogarty and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 16th November 2012 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, PM Bro James Adams, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Joseph Fogarty and HM Bro James Strachan

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 1st 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 13th November. At the Annual Installation, we gave an undertaking to Provost Robert Moran that he could nominate a third charity for us to support. This takes us back to something that we use to do 20 years ago. 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 9th 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.

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