

Twelve Talk

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Meetings 2012-13

- * 01.01.13
No meeting
- * 15.01.13
Passing
- * 05.02.13
Passing
- * 19.02.13
Raising
- * 05.03.13
Passing
- * 19.03.13
Raising
- * 02.04.13
Entering
- * 16.04.13
Mark
- * 11.06.13
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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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 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 Supper, Provost Robert Moran was asked to nominate a charity for us to support. He subsequently suggested Glenburn School and we are delighted to add it to this year's beneficiaries. The first major event will be the Charity Burns Supper on Saturday 9th February. Tickets may be booked with the RWM or Bro Iain White.

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.

Our next Meeting Tuesday 5th February 2013

The next meeting is a Passing and the Candidate is Bro Bob Crossan. The Degree team is: **Obligation** RWM Bro Alan D Beck; **Secrets** Bro James S Adams PM; **Apron** Bro Martin Anderson WSW; **Working Tools** Bro Brian McFadyen; **Tracing Board** Bro Ken MacDougall PM; **Charge** Bro Robert J Bain PM

Charity Burns Supper Saturday 9th February 2013 630 for 7 pm

The *Immortal Memory* will be delivered by Bro Drew McKenzie PM of Loge Crawfordsburn. Bro Iain Macpherson MBE, RWM of The Prince's Lodge No 607 will Toast *The Lassies*. RWM Bro Alan Beck will sing Burns songs and Bro Sandy Reddy will give us a reading. There will be a number of items raffled and auctioned for our charities. It promises to be a fine evening!



Visits – Some Diary Dates

Thursday 28th February 2013 at 730 pm

Lodge The Gael No 609

XII conferring 2nd

Thursday 14th March 2013 at 730 pm

Lodge Shalom No 1600

XII conferring 2nd

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 22nd November 2012 (Mark Degree) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge Greenock St Johns No 175 on 23rd November 2012 (Passing conferred by No XII) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Paul Galbraith, IPM Bro Robert Bain, PM Bro Kenneth Morrison, PM Bro Iain White, PM Bro James Adams, PM Bro Kenneth MacDougall, Bro Allan Glen, Bro Gordon Thomson, Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James McGregor, Bro Dugald Rankine, HM Bro Neil Forbes and HM Bro James Strachan
- The Bridgeton and Glasgow Lodge No 275 on 24th November 2012 (Annual Installation) – attended by PM Bro Iain White who also proposed the Toast to the Lodge at the Installation Dinner.
- Lodges Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 and Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 25th November 2012 (joint Divine Service) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Lodge Firth of Clyde No 626 on 26th November 2012 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, PM Bro Robert Bain, PM Bro James Adams, Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Robert Crossan
- Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 27th November 2012 (Raising Exemplification) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck
- The Prince's Lodge No 607 on 3rd December 2012 (Lecture on No XII Drummond Medal and the Shaw Stewarts by PM Bro Iain White) attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, PM Bro Iain White and Bro Allan Glen
- PGLRW Committee Meeting – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 6th December 2012 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 on 7th December 2012 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, PM Bro Robert Bain, WJW Bro Paul Galbraith, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro James Livingstone and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge Rothesay St John No 292 on 8th December 2012 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, PM Bro Iain White and Bro Allan Glen
- Lodge No 626 on 10th December 2012 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, PM Bro Iain White, Bro Eddie McGill and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge Burns Dundonald No 1759 on 11th December 2012 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, PM Bro Robert Bain and Bro Allan Glen
- Lodge The Gael No 609 on 13th December 2012 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, PM Bro Iain White and PM Bro Robert Bain
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 14th December 2012 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, PM Bro Kenneth MacDougall, Bro Allan Glen, Bro Allan MacFeate and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge Greenock St Johns No 175 on 14th December 2012 (Raising) – attended by PM Bro Robert Bain
- Lodge St John Kilwinning No 173 on 18th December 2012 (Raising) – attended by PM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Gordon Thomson and Bro Ewan MacLean
- Funeral of Bro Alan Galt PM and Secretary of Lodge No 173 on 8th January 2013 – attended by PM Bro Robert Bain
- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 9th January 2013 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, PM Bro Robert Bain, PM Bro Hector Macphail and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge Montgomerie Skelmorlie No 624 on 11th January 2013 (Annual Installation) – attended by PM Bro Robert Bain, PM Bro James Adams, WJW Bro Paul Galbraith, Bro Dugald Rankin and Bro Eddie McGill

A little from the History of No XII

Our esteemed Bro Alexander Drummond featured prominently in this lecture in 1939.

Meeting on Tuesday 7th February 1939

RWM Bro William W Buchanan in the Chair

Lecture by Bro Andrew MacBride PM Glasgow on “The First Scottish Provincial Grand Lodge”

After according a welcome to visiting brethren, an expressing his appreciation for the large attendance, the RW Master called upon Bro Andrew MacBride Past president of the Glasgow Masters’ and Past Masters’ Association for his lecture. The subject was “The First Scottish Provincial Grand Lodge” which was instituted on this date 200 years ago. It is of special interest to our members that the first Provincial Grand Master was Alexander Drummond, Collector of Customs in Greenock, and RW Master of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning. His commission from John, The Earl of Kintore, Grand Master Mason of Scotland was to visit the lodges in Argyll, Clydesdale, Dumbarton, Renfrew and Stirling and he continue to hold this office till 1742. The area may seem widespread but account has to be taken that in those days there were few Lodges. A comparison may be made with Glasgow which then had 3 Lodges and now has 62.

Bro MacBride read extracts from the various Lodges as far as Inverness which were visited by Bro Drummond whose commission was to act as Deputy for the Grand Master Mason. In these visits Greenock Kilwinning is included and there are several interesting records in our minutes of his visits to this Lodge which then met in the house of David Govan, Vintner.

Bro MacBride in an interesting manner traced the history of Masonry from the 16th Century and paid tribute to the pioneer work carried out by Bro Drummond whose zeal and devotion for the Craft in those days, helped to lay the foundation of Masonry in Scotland.

(From a cutting from the *Greenock Telegraph*

Bro Drummond had also the honour of forming the first Scottish Lodge abroad which was instituted in Aleppo in 1744, when he was appointed HM Consul there. He called the Lodge Drummond Kilwinning from Greenock.

Bro MacBride was greatly interested in the first minute book of Greenock Kilwinning which records the institution of the Lodge in the house of Robert Moore, Postmaster, on 27th December 1727.)

After remarks by Bro RA Clapperton-Stewart, PG Secy, Bro RC Smith PM and others, on the call of the RW Master a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro MacBride.

Iain White PM