

Twelve Talk

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Special Summer Meeting
Past Masters' Degree
Entering



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 2nd April 2013

Two candidates were raised at our last meeting. Bros Iain Hanlon and Tony Buckley received their degree in front of a big attendance again at the Lodge. The Degree team was: **Obligation** RWM Bro Alan D Beck; **Prayer** Bro Albert MacLean BB; **Retrospect** Bro Allan Glen SD; **Raising** Bro James S Adams PM; **Secrets** Bro KK Morrison PM **Apron**

Bro Martin Anderson WSW; **Working Tools** Bro Martin Anderson WSW; **Traditional History and Tracing Board** Bro Robert J Bain IPM; **Charge** Bro Ken MacDougall PM. In addition, **Bro Jack Glenny PM** was presented with his **Golden Jubilee Diploma**. He joined No XII exactly 50 years ago to the day – on 2nd April 1963. (Report over page)

Bowling Match vs Lodge Crawfordsburn

The date for the Annual Challenge match with Lodge Crawfordsburn has been confirmed as Saturday 4th May. Play will be on the greens of Ardgowan and we are grateful to Ardgowan Club for its support. Bro Kenny Morrison is the team manager. Should you wish to represent No XII, please call Kenny on 01475 726395. You don't need to be an experienced bowler to play. Bools will be provided!

The Charity Drive

Charitable work should be an integral part of freemasonry and not just work for Masonic Charities. By having a focus on assisting people and causes in need in the wider community, we make the public more aware of the good work that we do and it brings excellent PR for the Craft. These principles are very important to the brethren of No XII and this year's Charity Drive now stands at £5367.40. Our work will continue to add to this total.

The beneficiaries chosen by the RWM this year are the Erskine Home and Youth Theatre at The Beacon. Provost Robert Moran has nominated Glenburn School

The Special Summer Meeting

The Past Masters' Degree on Tuesday 11th June will have all offices from RWM to Inner Guard being filled by Past Masters of No XII. The great honour of taking the

Chair has been given to our senior Past Master in regular attendance, Bro Kenneth K Morrison. Kenny is thinking about his team for the evening and those lucky enough to be selected will hear the good news soon, I am sure. Already Kenny has signed up Bro Murray Thomson to come from East (Dunfermline where he now lives) to West and take the Senior Warden's chair and present the Apron.

Bro John C Glenny PM – 50 Years and counting!

50 years to the day since being initiated into No XII, Past Master Bro John Clark Glenny, or Jack as we all know him, received his Golden Jubilee Diploma from RWM Bro Alan Beck at the meeting on 2nd April. Bro Jack spoke about his pleasure at being a member of No XII for all these years and of his term as RWM between 1981 and 1983. He also remarked on how delighted he was that the Lodge was doing so well and on the good attendances, the enthusiasm of the members and the extremely high quality of the floor work. On a more personal level, he indicated that he was very proud to see one of his candidates – Bro Alan Beck – in the Chair and doing such a terrific job.

We were all delighted to see Jack's brother Alistair, who followed him into the Chair, present. This was a great surprise to Jack as he didn't know that he was coming along. Another couple of No XII stalwarts were along to 'cheer Jack on' – former office bearers Jimmy Burns and Robert Paterick.

All in all it was a very happy occasion. Both Jack and Alistair brought along some archive materials which will be shared with readers of *XII Talk* in due course. Some of the photos led us to be asking questions like 'Are you sure that's me?'



**Bros Alan Beck RWM Jack Glenny PM Alistair Glenny PM
on Jack's Golden Jubilee evening**



RWM and the Past Masters who were in the Lodge on Jack's Golden Jubilee evening
Bros Iain White Alan Beck (RWM) Alistair Glenny Jack Glenny Kenny Morrison Ken MacDougall Bob Bain Jim Adams

Visits – Diary Dates

Monday 1st April 2013 at 7pm
 Tuesday 30th April 2013 at 730 pm
 Wednesday September 2013 at 730pm

The Prince's Lodge No 607 (Glasgow)
 Lodge Burns Dundonald No 1759
 Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning Skelmorlie No 624

Entering by 607
 XII conferring Mark
 XII conferring Passing

Reports on Visits

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

Reports:

- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 18th March 2013 (Lecture) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck and Bro Robert Crossan
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 21st March 2013 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Tony Buckley
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 22nd March 2013 (Entering) – attended by IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Eddie McGill and HM Bro Kenneth McCrae
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 25th March 2013 (Entering) – attended by IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Tony Buckley
- Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 26th March 2013 (Passing Exemplification) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, HM Bro James Strachan and HM Bro Kenneth McCrae
- The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 on 28th March 2013 (Raising) – attended by IPM Bro Robert Bain, PM Bro James Adams, Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Allan Glen, Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Lodge Barns O' Clyde No 1018 on 28th March 2013 (Raising) – attended by HM Bro Kenneth McCrae in the company of the RWM and Brethren of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217
- Lodge Burns Dundonald No 1759 on 29th March 2013 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, IPM Bro Robert Bain, WSW Bro Martin Anderson, Bro Allan MacFeate and Bro Allan Glen
- Lodge The Prince's No 607 on 1st April 2013 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Iain White PM, Bro Allan Glen and Bro Bob Crossan.

On all occasions Fraternal Greetings were exchanged. The RWM thanked the Brethren for their support

Visit to The Prince's Lodge No 607

On Monday 1st April, a large and influential deputation visited The Prince's Lodge No 607 in the Province of Glasgow. I know its RWM Bro Ian Macpherson MBE very well. He is an active member of the Govan High former pupils group and a member of the Parent Council at the school. Of course, Ian toasted the Lassies at the No XII Burns Supper in February past. The occasion was of particular pleasure to me since the Candidate for Entering was another active Govan High FP, Andy Letham.

From No XII we had RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Bob Bain IPM, Bro Iain White PM, Bro Allan Glen SD and Bro Bob Crossan. Accompanying us were the RWMs of Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 (Alex Johnstone), Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 (Gerry Robertson), Lodge Sir Michael 989 (Paul Docherty), The Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge No 275 (Bobby Shaw) AND RW Provincial Grand Master Bro James P Livingstone! We were piped in by RWM Bro Alasdair Beaton of Lodge The Gael No 609. A number of other brethren from Renfrewshire West were in the Deputation. The brethren of The Prince's Lodge were delighted with the support from our Province.

It was also the Annual Visitation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow and we all joined together in a beautiful dinner and most enjoyable harmony. The Dinner is, of course, a feature of every meeting at The Princes.



The Govan High Connection

**Bro Iain White - The Heidie and Past Master No XII Iain Macpherson MBE – RWM of 607 and Govan High FP
Andy Letham – Initiate of 607 an Govan High FP**



The Top Table



The RWM sings and the IPM poses!



Bros Allan Glen and Iain White



Bob Bain IPM (XII) and Alex Johnstone (RWM 175)



Bros Alistair Hughes and Iain Gordon

A little from the History of No XII

Bro Alistair Glenny PM was telling me at Jack's Golden Jubilee meeting that he had a very old photo of some Office Bearers of No XII. We are always interested in adding to our archives an memorabilia. He has since scanned it and passed on to me. Alistair believes that it was taken around 1901. It is reproduced below.



From their jewels, in the front we have the Worshipful Senior Warden, Right Worshipful Master and the Worshipful Junior Warden. The row behind has the Sword Bearer, the Secretary and the Senior Deacon. They are certainly an impressive group of brethren in appearance and dress. What a pity we do not know the exact date! If we did, they could all be identified very easily.

What can be said is that if it is 1901, Bro William Gray was Right Worshipful Master. Other masters in that era were: 1897 H McP Watson; 1899 R S Murray; 1903 John Barbour; 1905 D F D McNeill. It is not 1907-1909 because RL Scott was Master at that time and we know what he looked like!

Our Next Meeting

The next meeting is on Tuesday 16th April and is the annual Mark Degree. The candidates are Bros Tony Buckley, Bob Crossan and Iain Hanlon. Bro Hector Macphail PM will take the Chair as RW Mark Master. The Degree team is **Obligation** Bro Hector Macphail PM; **Overseers** Bros Bob Bain IPM, Jim Adams PM, Ken MacDougall; **Conductor** Bro Kenny Morrison PM; **Working Tools** Bro Allan Macfeate DM; **Secrets and Lecture** Bro Jim Livingstone; **Apron** Bro Martin Anderson WSW; **Charge** Bro Alan Beck RWM.