

Twelve Talk

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Meetings 2013-14

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Entering

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Passing by Lodge Greenock
St John's No 175

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Passing by The Bridgeton
and Glasgow Shamrock and
Thistle Lodge No 275

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Raising

* 19.11.13

Annual Installation at
630pm

* 03.12.13

Passing by Lodge The Gael
No 609

* 17.12.13

Annual Divine Service
Bro JC Glenn PM



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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Bro Phil Robertson

We were all very sad when we heard that Bro Phil Robertson had passed to the Grand Lodge Above after a resolute battle with cancer. Bro Phil joined the Lodge in 1989 and quickly became a well-respected member and office bearer. In some ways, it must have been almost inevitable that he would join the Craft being a boilermaker in Kincaid's, an elder in the Mid Kirk and a lifelong member of the 12th Greenock Company, The

Boys' Brigade. Phil was moving nicely through progressive offices in No XII, and would have doubtless taken the Chair, had the closure of Kincaid's not led him to a different work regime, ultimately being employed for some years in Aberdeen. Back in February, Phil was with us again when he joined us at the No XII Charity Burns Supper. I know that we were all delighted to see him there. It was like welcoming a member of the family home. Phil was Mid Kirk's youngest elder when ordained and served the

Church very faithfully. However, out with his own family it could be said that Phil's home really was the BB. He joined the Shipmates aged 6, progressed through the Lifeboys and ultimately became an officer and the Company Captain in the 12th for 10 years. He was also a Past Battalion Vice President. No XII and the Craft were well represented at a very dignified and moving service in the Wellpark Mid Kirk. Our thoughts and prayers are with Phil's wife Patricia and their family at this sad time.

Our next meeting
Tuesday 15th October

Fellowcraft Degree by
The Bridgeton and
Glasgow Shamrock
and Thistle Lodge No
275

Tuesday will be another first for No XII when the brethren of 275 come to work a second degree. The deputation will be led by RWM Bro Bobby Shaw PM. We shall certainly be in for a treat because the floorwork is always of a very high standard. Bobby is a former police

commander in Greenock, so it is to be hoped that he does not know too many in the Lodge in a professional capacity! Of course he will know the former polis amongst us!! As well as being a sharp floor worker, Bobby is a well-regarded after dinner speaker. Indeed he will toast The Lassies at the No XII Charity Burns Supper on Saturday 1st March 2014.

Test Fees and Life Member Contributions

Annual subscriptions or Test Fees are now due for 2013-14. These are set at the very reasonable level of £30 in No XII. Also, the Lodge has to pay a Capitation Levy for all Life Members to The Grand Lodge of Scotland. This amounts to £25. Over the last couple of years we have been grateful to all of the Life Members who have made a donation to cover this. Fees and contributions are payable to the Treasurer.

The Summer Meeting

The date for the summer meeting has been set. It will take place on Thursday 5th June. We have deliberately moved away from our usual Tuesday because this is the night when the inter club matches in the Greenock and District Bowling league are played and we want to be able to accommodate the vast number of brethren who are boolers!! Again it will be an Entering conferred by the Past Masters and the Chair will be taken by Bro Kenny Morrison. We hope that there will be a great attendance. There seems to be an appetite amongst the brethren for meetings during the recess. Perhaps it helps to allay the withdrawal symptoms! The collection at the meeting will again go to the charity drive, something that is becoming an integral part of the Lodge activities.

Donation to Govan High from the Charity Drive



Bro Iain White, PM is Head Teacher at Govan High School. Iain was absolutely delighted when a group of Govan High pupils benefitted from No XII's Charity Drive. Bro Alan D Beck RWM presented Iain with a cheque for £300 to assist a group of Fourth Year pupils who have been saving and fund raising for over 2 years to finance a study visit to Berlin and Auschwitz. This spun out of an inter-disciplinary learning project involving English, religious and moral education, history and geography. Its theme was 'Discrimination'. The part of the course which dealt with the Holocaust had such a profound effect on the pupils that they determined to raise the money to visit Auschwitz.

Through their course work and fund raising activities, the pupils are developing an impressive range of cross curricular skills including literacy, numeracy, problem solving, teamwork, enterprise and empathy. They are now closing in on their target of £12,000. RWM Bro Alan Beck, himself a teacher locally at Clydevew Academy, said 'When I heard about the efforts of these young people at a special fund raising meeting for them at Lodge Neptune No 419 in Govan, I decided that No XII must help such a worthy cause.'

The members of No XII have given out almost £3000 already this year from their charitable works and there is much more to come.

Monthly Draw

Bro Allan Glen is going to restart the No XII Monthly Draw. Cheques or cash should be passed to him. For details contact Allan on 07736060280.

We have an anchor



The photo and information below was in the last Edition of *XII Talk*. Almost as soon as it was published, Immediate Past Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro Jimmy Miller contacted me because he had identified another mason in the ranks of the BB Old Boys. In the foreground, wearing the light coloured jacket is Bro Archie 'Twinkletoes' Lindsay of Lodge Greenock St John's No 175. Bro Jimmy told me that he worked on the submarines in Scotts Cartburn Dockyard with Bro Archie for many years and that Archie was an adept ballroom dancer, hence the nickname 'Twinkletoes'.

Bro Alex Galbraith was telling me about this photo and I asked him for a scan. It was taken of the 'Old Boys' at the centenary parade of the Boys' Brigade in Greenock. If you look carefully in the photo, you will see Bro Neil Forbes (Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121 and Honorary Member Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII) Bro Alex Galbraith (Lodge Greenock St John's No 175, The Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814 and Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII) Bro Adam Pickett (Lodge Greenock St John's No 175) the late Bro Jim Hotchkiss (Lodge Greenock St John's No 175) Bro Hector Macphail (Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII) and the late Bro Jim Adams (Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII). I myself was in the parade, but at the front of this column playing in the old boys' pipe band. Happy days.



From the old minute books of No XII

7 brethren from No XII recently attended the Centenary Rededication of Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121. This looks like a timely moment to publish these references to Lodge Crawfurdsburn from the minute book of 1933-34

Tuesday 14th March 1933

Bro John Waddell, RW Master, in the Chair

The lodge was then passed to the Fellowcraft Degree when Bro Walter Guy Shaw-Stewart who had served some time as an Apprentice Mason was passed to the higher degree of Fellowcraft.

Invitation to confer a degree in Lodge Crawfurdsburn

The Master referred to the invitation which had recently been given to the Office Bearers of Greenock Kilwinning to confer a degree in Crawfurdsburn Lodge and intimated that arrangements had been made for our Office Bearers to carry out the ceremony of the 3rd Degree on Friday evening.

Tuesday 30th January 1934

Bro John Waddell, RW Master, in the Chair

Deputation from Lodge Crawfurdsburn to confer Master Mason Degree

The Deputation from Lodge Crawfurdsburn No 1121 was received and, after a cordial reception had been accorded Bro John Sinclair the RW Master, his office bearers and accompanying brethren, Bro Waddell requested that he and his office bearers take over the conduct of the Lodge.....

The degree was efficiently carried out and as the manner of working it differed from ours in some respects, it held the interest of the brethren and gave an opportunity of comparing both methods.

Thereafter, Bro Waddell resumed the Chair and in replying to his thanks to the Master and Office Bearers of Lodge Crawfurdsburn for conferring the Degree, Bro Sinclair very cordially congratulated our RW Master on the rapid recovery he had made since his illness.

Iain White PM
10.10.13