

Twelve Talk

11.12.13

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Meetings 2013-14

* 07.01.14
Visit by The Anchor Lodge
of Research No 1814 to
deliver a Lecture

* 21.01.14
No Meeting

* 04.02.14
Raising

* 18.02.13
Passing

* 04.03.13
Passing

* 18.03.13
Raising

* 01.04.13
Raising

* 15.04.13
Mark

* Thursday 05.06.14
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 17th December

Annual Divine Service

The Divine Service will be held in the Saloon on Tuesday 17th December and worship will be led by Bro Jack Glenny, a Past Master of No XII

As a Reader of The Church of Scotland, Jack has conducted services around the country, In 2009, Jack was invited to address the Scottish Parliament at their "Time for Reflection" which they hold at the beginning of each new

session.

Jack was Moderator of the Greenock and Paisley Presbytery in 2006.

The Lodge will open in the adjacent and the service will start at 8pm.

Would brethren please note that spouses, partners and friends are very welcome at the service? Bro Jack's sermon theme will be 'The Plumbline'.

Given all of the above the service promises to be both entertaining and spiritually uplifting



**Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year**

1814 Visit

Our first meeting in the New Year will be an interesting venture and a first for No XII. Bro Robert P Shields, RWM of the Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814, will bring a deputation to No XII to take the meeting.

1814 does not work degrees but what its brethren will do is take over at No XII and a lecture will be delivered followed by a question and answer session.

It may well be a first for the Anchor Lodge too. I am not aware of them going 'on the road' in this way before.

Burns Supper 2014

A significant contributor to the fundraising efforts is the Charity Burns Supper which has become the largest in Inverclyde. The next one will be held in No XII's home, the Town Hall, Greenock, on Saturday 1st March 2014 when, Past

Master of the Lodge and eminent Burnsian, Jack Glenny will deliver the Immortal Memory. Between the Divine Service and the Burns Supper we are keeping Jack busy Bro Bobby Shaw IPM of The Bridge and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge No 275 will Toast The Lassies. Individual tickets and tables may be reserved by contacting Bro Beck on 07739514242

Our Meeting of 3rd December – Visitation by Lodge The Gael No 609

The sound of the bagpipes was again heard in the Saloon when a very large deputation of brethren from Lodge The Gael came to The Saloon to confer the Second Degree on Bro Don McVinnie. The Lodge was opened, the deputations of visiting Brethren and from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West were admitted and then, led by 8 pipers playing *The Green Hills of Tyrol*, the deputation from Lodge The Gael No 609 swept into the Saloon headed by RWM Bro Alasdair Beaton, himself a fine piper. Amongst the pipers were No XII's Honorary Members from Lodge The Gael viz. Bro Hamish MacLachlan PM, Bro Keith Bowes PM, Bro Donnie Finlayson PM and Bro Bill Bryce PM.

The assembled brethren in the large company than witnessed a thorough, sincere and expert delivery of the Passing by Bro Donnie Finlayson PM. Bro Don McVinnie was a fine candidate proving himself to be faultless when questioned on his homework.

After the meeting, the Top Table was piped into the harmony by Bro Dougie Bryce IPM and the Loyal and Masonic Toasts were observed. We had a Gaelic song from Bro Donnie Finlayson PM, Scottish folk songs from Bro Donald Iain Finlayson PM and Bro Bill Bryce PM and even The Great Caruso himself did a wee spot.

The high point of the evening was a selection on the pipes from Bro Keith Bowes PM, the first tune being his new composition, a 4/4 March named *Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII*. Bro Keith presented a framed copy of the manuscript to Bro Alan Beck RWM. He pointed out that he had written a nice easy 4/4 so that PM Bro Iain White would be able to learn it, whereupon he presented Bro Iain with a copy of the tune!!!

The evening closed, with a few drams having been taken and Auld Lang Syne lustily sung. When I left, RWM Bro Alasdair Beaton was still trying to get all of the Brethren from Lodge The Gael on to their bus home. Bro Alasdair said 'It's like herding cats!'



**Lodge The Gael No 609 Deputation led by Bro Alasdair Beaton RWM
In the centre are RWPGM Bro James P Livingstone, RWM Bro Alan D Beck and RWM Bro Alasdair Beaton**



RWPGM Bro James P Livingstone, RWM Bro Alan D Beck (XII) and RWM Bro Alasdair Beaton (609)

March

Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII

Keith Bowes

A musical score for a march, written in 4/4 time. The score consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is a march, characterized by a strong, rhythmic melody. The score is written in a standard musical notation, with notes, rests, and bar lines.

Composed to mark the friendship, and music shared between Lodge The Gael 609, and Lodge Greenock Kilwinning XII

Annual Installation - Lodge The Prince's No 607 – 4th November 2013

This is a report from Bro Alan Beck RWM ...

On Monday the 4th of November I attended the Annual Installation of Office Bearers of Lodge The Prince's 607 with Bros Allan Glen, Bob Crossan and Iain White. We attended principally for 3 reasons. Firstly, I hadn't missed a meeting of this particular lodge since I took the Chair of No XII. Secondly, I had been honoured by their RWM by being asked to propose the Toast To The Lodge at the Harmony and lastly because our very own Past Master Bro Iain White was being installed as Worshipful Junior Warden of that distinguished lodge on the night.

No XII's history with Lodge The Prince's was (so we thought) a relatively new one, coming about as it did as a result of the friendship of Bro Iain White and their RWM last year, Bro Iain MacPherson MBE. Only when researching my Toast To The Lodge did I discover that Bro Iain White was not the first distinguished Past Master of No XII to affiliate to Lodge The Prince's - in 19 ... one of our most famous PMs, Bro Robert Lyons Scotland affiliated to that lodge, although no record has been found of him taking office as Bro Iain was about to do.

We assembled, as usual, before the meeting in the lodge bar for a few sparkling mineral waters ... well, I was driving after all, and after the lodge had been opened I was honoured to lead in the deputation of visiting brethren.

The installation went exceptionally well with PM Bro Ron Ford and PM Bro Ian Macpherson MBE as Installing Masters and Bro Ron had the distinction of placing his son (also named Ronald) into the Chair of King Solomon. As the RWM-elect had already become an installed master a couple of years ago, there was no need to form an Installing Board and this meant that I was able to see Bro Iain White being installed as Worshipful Junior Warden along with another old pal of NoXII, Bro Bobby Shaw as Worshipful Senior Warden. How fortunate for any RWM to have two such experienced wardens as these two who have been around the block more than once ... the committee meetings will be interesting and I just hope the Master manages to get a word in !

After the Installation had ended, the Brethren repaired to the Harmony where the usual Masonic Toasts were given. In my Toast to the Lodge, I spoke of the similarities of the two lodges and also mentioned the connection with PM Bro R L Scott. I finished the speech with a hastily composed poem, in honour of the lodge, the final stanza of which went something like this:

*Here's tae a ludge, a Masons' ludge
Which to each heart evinces
That bro'erly love, relief and truth
Instilled since oor masonic youth
Is worth its weight in gowd, forsooth !
Here's tae oor Ludge The Prince's*

All in all an excellent evening, rounded off as it was by the newly installed WJW reiterating his Greenock roots with his lusty rendition of *The Green Oak Tree* - The Great Caruso strikes again!

On behalf of the Brethren of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII, I send congratulations to all the new office bearers of Lodge The Prince's, but more especially to their newly installed WJW PM Bro Iain White.



**Lodge The Prince's No 607
Bro Bobby Shaw WJW Bro Ronnie Ford RWM Bro Iain White WJW**



**Let me entertain you ...
Bro Ian A Macpherson MBE IPM Lodge The Prince's No 607 and Bro
Jim Gray PM Lodge Pollok Pollokshields No 772**



**Bro Alan D Beck RWM Lodge Greenock
Kilwinning No XII toasts Lodge The Prince's
No 607**

Donation to Erskine

We continue to distribute money from our Charity Drive. £2500 having been given to the Beacon Youth Theatre and £500 to the Govan High Study Visit to Auschwitz, the latest recipient was Erskine Home. The brethren of No XII have the concept of helping those in need at the heart of all that they do. This is reflected in the importance placed on the annual charity drives. Recently Right Worshipful Master Bro Alan Beck presented a cheque for £2500 to Alan Moss, Community Fundraiser at Erskine. RWM Bro Alan said, 'The forces' charities are very close to the hearts of all freemasons because of the great respect that we have for the service and sacrifices of British servicemen and women on behalf of us all. No XII is delighted to be able to support the great work done at Erskine.'

Erskine Fundraiser, Alan Moss said "We are delighted to receive this terrific donation from Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII. Well done to all their members for helping to make a massive difference in the lives of our brave Veterans at Erskine. Donations are a vital part of our funding and this will help us to provide the high standard of care our Veterans so richly deserve. Erskine has been supporting veterans in Scotland for almost 100 years; re-building shattered lives, restoring dignity and providing first-class care to ex-service men and women. Without the help of our supporters and the generous donations we receive, we simply could not continue to offer a hand of help to the 1,100 veterans we care for each year. On behalf of those veterans and everyone here at Erskine, we offer Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII our heartfelt thanks."

This brings the amount distributed by the brethren of No XII to £5500 this year and more presentations are yet to be made.



RWM Bro Alan Beck presenting the cheque to Alan Moss Erskine Community Fund Raiser

Visit to the United Grand Lodge of England

This is from our Treasurer Bro David Stevenson who was in London for a few days' break recently ...

Bro John Freeburn (1425) and I were in London for a weekend break (plus wives of course) and John and I took the opportunity to visit United Grand Lodge of England. We booked one of the tours on Saturday morning. From the outside the building is very imposing and once inside it became all the more impressive.

Originally built in the 1700's, updating was thought necessary and at the end of World War I, a fund was created with a target of £1M - this was raised by 1925 and the new building was completed by 1933.

Obviously there is Masonic History throughout the building and equally impressive is the construction and artwork of many skilled craftsmen using materials from all around the world especially marble from Italy and Tasmanian wood. The cornice around the Grand Temple looks like paintings but is actually wee mosaic tiles and is most impressive - many millions of tiles were used in the construction of this part. The Temple doors are solid brass and each weighs 1 1/2 tonnes, yet can be pushed open with your finger.

To bring in funds the building is used as photo shoots - e.g. 'Spooks' has been filmed there, London Fashion week use it regularly and it has been used in James Bond films

It is truly a remarkable building and I would certainly recommend a visit if any brethren are in central London.

To end your tour and for a period of contemplation and reflection I can heartily recommend 'The Freemasons Arms' and 'Hercules Pillars' - just across the road - good food and excellent beers. There is even a Toye Kenning & Spencer shop for more material Masonic needs.



John Freeburn and David Stevenson



The famous doors

...external view



Reports on Visits

Reports on extensive visits by the brethren of No XII

- Lodge The Gael No 609 on 7th November 2013 (Mark) – attended by Bro Iain White PM
- The Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge No 275 on 8th November 2013 (Entering) – attended by Bro Iain White PM
- Lodge Randolph No 1434 on 8th November 2013 (Harmony Meeting) – attended by IPM Bro Robert Bain and WJW Bro Allan Glen
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 8th November 2013 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, WSW Bro Martin Anderson, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro Alexander Galbraith, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, HM Bro Kenneth McCrae and HM Bro Sandy Reddy
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 11th November 2013 (Entering) – attended by WSW Bro Martin Anderson, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Tony Buckley, Bro John Keogh, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121 on 12th November 2013 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, WSW Bro Martin Anderson, IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, HM Bro Kenneth McCrae and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 15th November 2013 (Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, HM Bro Kenneth McCrae and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge Glasgow Kilwinning No 4 on 20th November 2013 (Raising Exemplification) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 21st November 2013 (Passing Exemplification) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 22nd November 2013 (Raising) – attended by WJW Bro Allan Glen, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, HM Bro Kenneth McCrae, HM Bro James Strachan and HM Bro Neil Forbes
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 25th November 2013 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Allan Glen, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro John Keogh, Bro Tony Buckley, Bro Ewen MacLean, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, HM Bro James Strachan and HM Bro Kenneth McCrae
- Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121 on 26th November 2013 (Passing) – attended by Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, HM Bro Kenneth McCrae and HM Bro James Strachan
- Grand Lodge of Scotland on 28th November 2013 (Installation and Festival of St Andrews) – attended by WJW Bro Allan Glen, HM Bro James Strachan, SM Bro Alexander Galbraith (SGM), Bro James Livingstone (RWPGM) and HM Bro James Miller (IPPGM)
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 29th November 2013 (Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Allan Glen, Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, HM Bro Kenneth McCrae, HM Bro James Lever, HM Bro James Strachan, HM Bro James Miller and Bro James Livingstone (RWPGM)
- Lodge Rothesay St John No 292 on 30th November 2013 – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Allan Glen and Bro Iain White PM

- Lodge Montefiore No 753 on 2nd December 2013 – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck and Bro Bob Crossan
- The Prince's Lodge No 607 on 2nd December 2013 (Raising) – attended by Bro Iain White PM

From the old minute books of No XII

Monday 26th November 1906

Bro Col DFD Neill RWM, in the Chair

Raised in Lodge Trafalgar 1009 Durban Bro Thos. Moffat

The Secy. intimated that he had a letter from the Secy. of Lodge Trafalgar No 1009 Durban reporting that Bro Thos. Moffat of this Lodge had been raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Lodge Trafalgar which ceremony he passed through in a manner highly creditable to his Mother Lodge,

Tuesday 11th December 1906

Bro Col. DFD Neill RWM, in the Chair

Installation of RWM and Office Bearers

Bro Barbour then proceeded to install Bro Robert Lyons Scott to the Office of RW Master. Bro Wm Gray conducted Bro Scott to the Altar and the Charges and Exhortations prescribed by Grand Lodge were read over to him and he gave his assent to him. The oath de fideli was then taken by Bro Scott and thereafter the Brethren were requested to retire while the Past Masters completed the Installation

The Installing Board consisted of P Masters Barbour, Gray, Harvey, Watson and Lawrie of No 12, WR Austin, D MacInnes of No 175, D Main No 217 and D McPherson No 626

(Interesting to note the small Installing Board and that its members remained in the Lodge while the brethren retired)

Iain White PM
12.12.13