

## Meetings 2014-15

- \* 02.09.14  
Passing
- \* 16.09.14  
Nomination and Election of  
Office Bearers and  
Passing by Lodge  
Cumberland Kilwinning  
No 217
- \* 07.10.14  
Passing by The Lodge of  
Erskine No 1566
- \* 21.10.14  
Passing by Lodge  
Crawfurdsburn  
Greenock No 1121
- \* 04.11.14  
Annual Meeting and  
Passing
- \* 18.11.14  
Annual Installation
- \* 02.12.14  
Annual Divine Service  
Bro Jack Glennly PM
- \* Saturday 28.01.15  
Annual Charity Burns  
Supper



## Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII The Saloon of the Town Hall, Greenock Regular Meetings – 7.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays – September to April

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### Our Next Meeting Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Our next meeting on Tuesday coming is a Passing on Bro Gary Lewis. Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 will work the Degree. I believe that this will be the first time that 217 has worked in No XII in its 268 year history. 217 is just 18 years younger than No XII!

### Our Previous Regular Meeting Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

We opened the session with a second degree. The passing was conferred by No XII on Bro Campbell Snoddy in a well-filled Lodge. RWM Bro Joe Fogarty of Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 joined the RWM in the East. The degree team was **Prayer** Bro Albert MacLean **BB Obligation** RWM Bro Alan Beck **Secrets** Bro KK Morrison PM **Apron** Bro Bob Bain IPM **Working Tools** Bro David Stevenson Treasurer **Tracing Board** Bro Iain White PM **The Charge** Bro Allan Glen WJW.

A significant fact, unrealised by all present, was that this was the first time that our Treasurer had worked on the floor this century. Well done Davie!! Who says they never come back

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### Bro Gordon Thompson 1958 – 2014

Once again, I must report the sad and doleful tidings of the untimely passing to The Grand Lodge Above of a well-loved brother of No XII, Bro Gordon Thompson, our Inner Guard, on Friday September 5th.

Bro Gordon joined us in 2009 and so keen was he to be involved, that he accepted the office of Inner Guard only a few months later. This was the office that he held until his untimely death.

Bro Gordon served in the Royal Marines and undertook two tours of duty in Northern Ireland and several more abroad. After leaving the Marines, he began his own business servicing racing cars and he travelled the world in this capacity.

I spoke to Gordon a couple of weeks ago and was very touched to be told that his proudest moment in No XII was when I took the Chair as RWM and, as Inner Guard, he had received me into the Lodge. Gordon said that he felt privileged to have been so well accepted by all Brethren of the Lodge.

Bro Gordon was just 56 and leaves behind a son, Andrew, and a daughter, Lisa.

A quiet, unassuming and friendly man, and a loyal and faithful mason, Gordon will be greatly missed by us all.

His funeral service will take place at 215pm in Lambhill Crematorium in Maryhill, Glasgow on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Bro Alan Beck RWM

## Goan Evening Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2014 - Postponed

Owing to a mix up with dates at the Wanderers, the proposed Goan evening on 20<sup>th</sup> September has had to be postponed. A new date is being sought.

### Reports on Visits

- The Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814 on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014 (Lecture) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Allan Glen, PM Bro Hector Macphail, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Eddie McGill
- The Prince's Lodge No 607 on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck and PM Bro Iain White
- Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro John Keogh, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro James Strachan HM, Bro Neil Forbes HM, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM and Bro James Miller HM
- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014 (Passing Exemplification) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Allan MacFeate and Bro Ewen Maclean
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM, Bro James Strachan HM and Bro Iain Macleod HM
- Lodge Glasgow Kilwinning No 4 on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Iain White PM and Bro John Keogh
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2014 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Allan Glen, Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro James Livingstone, Bro James Strachan HM and Bro Kenneth McCrae HM
- PGL Renfrewshire East on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2014 (Divine Service) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck and Bro James Livingstone
- Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014 (Passing Exemplification) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Livingstone, Bro James Strachan HM and Bro Neil Forbes HM
- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2014 (Homes Degree Passing Exemplification) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Allan Glen, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Kenneth MacDougall PM, Bro Alexander Galbraith, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Tony Buckley, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro James Livingstone, Bro James Miller HM, Bro James Strachan HM and Bro Iain Macleod HM
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2014 (Mark) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Sandy Reddy HM and Bro Kenneth McCrae HM
- PGL Ayrshire on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014 (Divine Service) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014 (Mark) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Tony Buckley, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro James Livingstone and Bro Kenneth McCrae HM
- Lodge Pollok No 772 on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro John Keogh and Bro Donald Finlayson HM
- Lodge County Kilwinning Renfrew No 370 on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014 (Mark) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck
- The Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814 on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2014 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, WJW Bro Allan Glen, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM and Bro James Strachan HM
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2014 (Entering Exemplification) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM and Bro James Miller HM
- Lodge St John Kilwinning Largs No 173 on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014 (Entering Exemplification) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, IPM Bro Robert Bain and Bro Bob Crossan
- PGL Renfrewshire West on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014 (Regular Communication) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Allan Glen, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro James Livingstone, Bro James Miller HM, Bro James Strachan HM and Bro Kenneth McCrae HM
- Lodge Shalom No 1600 on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Allan Glen, Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Bob Crossan and Bro Tam Hamilton

- Lodge St John's Operative No 347 on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2014 (Entering Exemplification) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck and WJW Bro Allan Glen
- Lodge Nitshill No 1478 on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck and Bro Iain White PM.
- Lodge Neptune No 419 on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Iain White PM, Bro Allan MacFeate and Bro Bob Crossan
- Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Kenneth MacDougall PM, Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro John Keogh, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM and Bro James Strachan HM
- Lodge St John Kilwinning Largs No 173 on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014 (Raising by Lodge Royal Arch West Kilbride No 314) – attended by IPM Bro Robert Bain
- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2014 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro James Livingstone
- Lodge Gleniffer No 1219 on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Gary Lewis and Bro Gordon Nelson
- The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge Spazio Tempo No 11 Bologna (Italian Constitution) on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Allan Glen, IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Kenneth MacDougall PM, Bro Hector Macphail PM, Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Derek MacFeate, Bro Tony Buckley, Bro Tam Hamilton and Bro Barry Banks
- PGL of Stirling on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in the Allan Parish Church, Bannockburn (PGM Degree) – attended by WJW Bro Allan Glen, Bro James Livingstone (PGM Renfrewshire West) and Bro Brian McFadyen
- Lodge Neptune No 419 on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014 (Entering Exemplification) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Bob Crossan and Bro Campbell Snoddy
- PGL Ayrshire on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014 (Regular Communication) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro James Livingstone and IPM Bro Robert Bain
- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2014 (Passing Exemplification) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Joseph Fogarty and Bro James Livingstone
- The Glasgow Star Lodge No 219 on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014 (Passing Exemplification) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Allan Glen, Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Kenneth MacDougall PM, Bro Bob Crossan and Bro Tony Buckley
- Lodge Prince of Wales Renfrew No 426 on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2014 (Passing) – attended by Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Lodge Montefiore No 753 on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2014 (Lodge of Instruction - Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck
- Lodge The Gael No 609 on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Alasdair Beaton, Bro Donald Finlayson HM and Bro Hamish McLachlan HM

On all occasions Fraternal Greetings were exchanged.

### **From the old minute books of No XII**

*Last time I reported that the items this time related to the Provincial Grand Master Bro Sir Hugh Shaw Stewart and his proposed demission of office. Within a few months, it is obvious an even keel had been restored as may be seen below*

#### **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 1908**

Bro RL Scott, RW Master, in the Chair

Address from PG Lodge to Bro Sir Hugh Shaw Stewart PGM

The RWM intimated that Prov. Grand Lodge had decided to present an address to Bro Sir Hugh Shaw Stewart, PGM on the occasion of his Silver Wedding and he invited subscriptions from the brethren.

*What follows is an interesting episode where a member of No XII is given Life Membership, something unheard of today. Bro Major Shanks sounds like an interesting fellow!*

### **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1908**

Bro WG Buchanan, RW Master, in the Chair

Life membership conferred on Bro Major G Shanks

Bro Major George Shanks now rose and in the course of a racy reminiscent speech referred to the fact that it was 50 years that night since he became a member of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII and that during all these years it had stood him in good stead and was a step which he never had cause to regret.

On the motion of Bro John J Park SW it was unanimously resolved that the Lodge should take advantage of an auspicious occasion like this to confer Life Membership on Bro Shanks.

### **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December 1908**

Bro WG Buchanan, RW Master, in the Chair

Certificate of Life Membership presented to Bro Major G Shanks

During the evening, the RW Master presented a Certificate of Life Membership, on behalf of the brethren, to Bro Major Shanks who has been a member of the Lodge for 50 years having joined when he was a Lieutenant of Marines aboard HMS Hogue the at the Tail of the Bank as Guardship

In appreciative terms, Bro Shanks returned thanks for the honour conferred on him

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**Iain White PM**

**14.09.14**

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