

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 Glenny PM
- * Saturday 28.02.15
Annual Charity Burns
Supper



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 Tuesday 7th October

Our next meeting on Tuesday coming is a Passing on Bro Gordon Nelson. The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 work the Degree. There has been a close affinity developing between No XII and The Lodge of Erskine recently and we look forward to seeing our friends working in the Saloon again, especially since their new RWM, Bro Brian McFadyen, was Installed on Saturday and has No XII as his Mother Lodge. Brian is presently an Office Bearer in No XII too!

Charity Burns Supper 2015

No XII's 4th Charity Burns Supper will be held in the Town Hall on Saturday 28th February 2015. The Immortal Memory will be delivered by Bro Iain White PM No XII and the Toast to the Lassies will be by Bro Iain Gordon of The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 and The Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge No 275.

It will be a most enjoyable evening and will be a great contributor to our drive to assist those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

News of ticket prices and availability will follow in the next edition.

Our Previous Regular Meeting Tuesday 16th September

It was a big night in No XII when Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 came to work a degree for the first time in its long history. Founded in 1746, 217 is only 18 years younger than No XII and is the second oldest lodge in the Province of Renfrewshire West. The passing was conferred by No XII in a well-filled Lodge. The attendance was boosted by RWM Bro Gerry Robertson's deputation of 21 brethren from 217 accompanied by many other brethren from within, and out with, the Province. The degree team was **Obligation** RWM Bro Gerry Robertson **Secrets** Bro Clive Talbot **WSW Working Tools** Bro Fraser Hamilton **Tracing Board** Bro Gordon Leitch **WJW The Charge** Bro Bob Stone PM. Everyone was really enthusiastic about the quality of the degree work and the sincerity with which the lessons of the Second Degree were imparted. RWM Bro Gerry remarked that he and his brethren were really grateful for the welcome they received and the hospitality from No XII.

The follow-up was on Thursday 2nd October when No XII made the return journey to confer a Passing.

Regular Meeting Tuesday 16th September



For the first time in the history of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 a deputation came to No XII to confer a degree, and what a degree it was. The photo on the left was taken just after the meeting. It shows RWM Bro Gerry Robertson (217), RWPGM Bro James P Livingstone and RWM Bro Alan Beck (XII) all looking very happy at how the evening had gone – and rightly so!

Tony becomes an Honorary Member



It was a surprised and puzzled Bro Tony Stewart (Treasurer of Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425) who heard his name announced at the meeting on 16th September. This was reflected in his facial expression as he made his way to the centre of the floor. RWM Bro Alan Beck had asked Bro Tony to do so because he was about to become an Honorary Member of No XII. This honour was peculiarly appropriate and well deserved because of Bro Tony's

continuing support for the Lodge. This manifests itself in many ways – perhaps most vividly in his attendance at No XII's regular meetings and his 'road trips' with RWM Bro Alan to visit lodges both near and far. The impressive statistic quoted by RWM Bro Alan was that, in his two years in the Chair, Bro Tony has accompanied him on visits **161** times! After being congratulated, Bro Tony expressed his gratefulness and pride at receiving the honour and was warmly welcomed by all in attendance. He is shown in the photo above with RWPGM Bro James P Livingstone on one side and RWM Bro Alan D Beck on the other.

Charity Drive – helping Scott!



Young local talent, Scott Nicholl has been awarded a place at the famed Italia Conti Academy of Theatre Arts in London. Scott and his family have embarked upon a number of fund raising efforts to support him financially while he is studying.

Local musician and teacher Polly Beck had helped Scott to produce a show in the Beacon during the summer called Pure Imagination to assist his efforts. Polly's husband Alan is RWM of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII. The brethren of No XII are very keen to support local talent, so Bro Alan proposed at No XII's special summer meeting that the collection should all be presented to Scott's 'fund'.

£350 was raised and the Lodge Treasurer, Bro David Stevenson presented the cheque to Scott at the show.

Charity Drive – Provost's Nomination Children in Poverty Inverclyde

Since 1765, No XII has a close association with Greenock Corporation and now Inverclyde Council. The Lodge made an agreement at that time with the Magistrates and Council to purchase a share in the property of the new Town House then being built. Each November, when the Provost attends the Annual Installation Dinner, he is asked to nominate a charity of his choice for the Lodge to help.



Standing in for Provost Robert Moran who was on holiday, Bro David Wilson (Deputy Provost) recently presented a cheque for £500 to Pat Burke of Children in Poverty Inverclyde on behalf of No XII. RWM Bro Alan Beck said, 'In No XII we are anxious to make a difference for those who are perhaps not as fortunate as ourselves.' Pat said, 'We are grateful to the Provost for our nomination and indebted to Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII for its very generous donation to our charity which will be used in our October holiday project of sending 5 local families away for a break. We congratulate Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No.XII on its admirable work for local charities'.

Photo; from left RWM Bro Alan Beck Bro David Wilson (Deputy Provost) Pat Burke (Children in Poverty Inverclyde)

Reports on Visits

- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 4th September 2014 (Passing Exemplification) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Bob Crossan and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- The Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814 on 5th September 2014 (Lecture) – attended by RWM Bro alan Beck, WJW Bro Allan Glen, Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro David Stevenson, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Alexander Galbraith, HM Bro James Miller, HM Bro Kenneth McCrae and HM Bro James Strachan
- PGLRW on 7th September 2014 (Divine Service) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Allan Glen, Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Kenneth MacDougall PM, Bro David Stevenson, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro James McGregor, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Dugald Rankin, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro Alexander Galbraith, Bro James Livingstone, HM Bro David Wilson, HM Bro James Miller, HM Bro James Strachan, HM Bro Neil Forbes and HM Bro Kenneth McCrae
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 8th September 2014 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck and Bro Allan MacFeate
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 8th September 2014 (Entering) – attended by Bro James Livingstone, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and HM Bro Kenneth McCrae
- Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 9th September 2014 (Entering Exemplification) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, HM Bro James Miller and HM Bro Neil Forbes
- Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning Skelmorlie No 624 on 10th September 2014 (Mark) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Alistair Glenn PM, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro James Livingstone
- Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 on 11th September 2014 (Passing) – attended by Bro James Livingstone, Bro David Stevenson, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro John Lamb, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and HM Bro Kenneth McCrae
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 12th September 2014 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 15th September 2014 (Raising) – attended by Bro James Livingstone, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick

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

From the old minute books of No XII

In the previous edition I described an interesting episode where a member of No XII was given Life Membership, something unheard of today. I said that Bro Major Shanks sounded like an interesting fellow! Well his interesting story continues below...

Monday 31st May 1909

Bro WG Buchanan, RW Master, in the Chair

A telegram was read from Bro Major G Shanks Edinburgh stating that, owing to illness, he was unable to be present. The RWM expressed regret at the cause of his absence and hoped that he would make a speedy recovery.

Friday 29th October 1909

Bro WG Buchanan, RW Master, in the Chair

Appointment of Major Shanks as Proxy Master of a South African Lodge

The RWM conveyed the congratulations of the brethren to Bro Major Shanks on his appointment as Proxy Master of Lodge Southern Cross No 398 South Africa.

Iain White PM
04.10.14

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