

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays – September to April

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### Our Next Meeting Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Our next meeting on Tuesday coming is an Entering and it will be conferred by the brethren of No XII. We shall have 2 candidates. It is also the Annual Meeting, so visitors will be admitted around 8pm.

### Back to the Future at the Installation

We have had a back to the future focus at our Installations of late with an upgrade of office bearer dress, the giant square and compasses reappearing in the main Town Hall, the (welcome) return of the top table port decanter, and the Toast to HM Armed Forces being delivered again at the Dinner. This year the theme continues as we reintroduce the Toast to the House of Ardgowan after a gap of many years. We are delighted and honoured that Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart, 12<sup>th</sup> Baronet of Greenock and Blackhall, will reply to the Toast

### Remembrance

The RWM will lay a wreath for No XII at the Greenock Cenotaph at the ceremony on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 1230. All are welcome to join him in the act of Remembrance. *They will not grow old as we that are left grow old ...*

### And it's goodnight from him ...

Bro Alan Beck has been an outstanding Master. During his time the growth of No XII has continued, and accelerated, rapidly. The Lodge's profile has been enhanced within the Craft and in the community in Inverclyde. The meeting on Tuesday will be Alan's last degree meeting as Right Worshipful Master. Please turn out to give Alan the farewell that he so richly merits.



RWM Bro Alan D Beck

## The RWM - Elect



Bro Allan I. MacFeate is our Right Worshipful Master - Elect

In being elected to this Office, Bro MacFeate will follow in a long line of distinguished citizens and he is looking very much forward to the challenge it represents. During his term in Office Bro MacFeate aims to continue the growth of the Lodge, further enhance its involvement in the community, continue its significant charitable work and support Sister Lodges in Scotland

and beyond. Brethren from Lodge Spazio-Tempo Numero 11, Bologna, Italy are expected to attend the Installation with many other visitors from nearer at hand. As is the tradition in No XII, the Deputation of Visiting Brethren will be led by Bro William Lawson, RWM of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68.

Bro MacFeate and his Office Bearers will be installed by Bros Iain White, Hector Macphail and Kenneth K. Morrison, all Past Masters of No.XII.

Captain MacFeate, a retired Master Mariner, has lived most of his life in Inverclyde and was educated at Gourock and Greenock High Schools. His nautical career commenced with his pre-sea Cadet Officer training at the James Watt Memorial College, William Street, Greenock, where he later studied for his 2<sup>nd</sup> Mates and 1<sup>st</sup> Mates Certificates. He then attended College in Glasgow for his Masters Certificate.

His earlier years were spent on cargo passenger liners as a Cadet Officer rising to the rank of Chief Officer trading to and from the UK and Europe to the Far East. He then transferred to the Offshore Industry, spending sixteen years on the Scott-Lithgow built Drill Ship Ben Ocean Lancer, where he was promoted to Master.

He has a keen interest in local sports and is a member of Greenock Wanderers Rugby Club, Greenock Cricket Club and Gourock Golf Club and most especially enjoys being a Granddad.

As always, the Installation will be a special evening for No XII. Instituted in 1728, the Lodge was represented at Mary's Chapel, Edinburgh at the institution of The Grand Lodge of Scotland on November 30<sup>th</sup> 1736. It is, in fact, the oldest organisation in Inverclyde. Since 1765, No XII has had a very 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. The contribution made was the equivalent, in present day terms, of £2 million. In recognition of this close relationship, Depute Provost Bro David Wilson will attend to represent Inverclyde Council. The Lodge's long links with the Shaw Stewart family will be recognised by the attendance of Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart 12<sup>th</sup> Baronet of Greenock and Blackhall at the Installation Dinner.

## Our Last Regular Meeting – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October



Yet another splendid evening was enjoyed in the Lodge on 21<sup>st</sup> October. The Fellowcraft Degree ceremony was carried out by our friends from Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121. Lodge Crawfurdsburn brought a deputation of over 20 brethren led by RWM Bro Hugh Docherty. Thereafter the degree was worked in a very sincere and accomplished manner.

We had a stellar array of RWMs in the Lodge too – Bros William Lawson (Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68) Marshall North (Lodge Greenock St John's No 175) Gerry Robertson (Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217) Andrew Piggot (Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626) Robert Marshall (Lodge Sir Michael No 989) and Mike Daily (Lodge Douglas No 1557). Bro Lawson spoke on behalf of the Visiting Brethren.

There has been a close relationship between the Lodges for many years. Back in the early days of Lodge Crawfurdsburn, Bro RL Scott PM of No XII was a generous supporter of the 1121 building fund and also presented the Tracing Boards that Lodge Crawfurdsburn uses to this day. The Mark Degree tools used in No XII were presented by Lodge Crawfurdsburn in 1916 as was the Contribution Box still used in our First Degree ceremony.

2013 was the Centenary of the foundation of Lodge Crawfurdsburn. No XII was honoured to be asked to confer the degree at 1121's Centenary meeting. At the Centenary Dinner, Bro Alan Beck' RWM of No XII entertained the brethren in song and Bro Iain White PM proposed the Toast to Lodge Crawfurdsburn. Bro Iain is an Honorary Member of Lodge Crawfurdsburn.

At the end of the meeting a large number of brethren waited behind for some Lodge hospitality.

## Test Fees and Life Member Contributions

Annual subscriptions or Test Fees are now due for 2014-15. 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 few 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, Bro David Stevenson. Office Bearers are reminded that they **must** pay before the Installation or they cannot be installed

## Charity Burns Supper 2015

No XII's 4<sup>th</sup> Charity Burns Supper will be held in the Town Hall on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Reports on Visits

- \* Lodge Dumbarton Kilwinning No 18 on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014 (Lecture) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck and Bro Brian McFadyen
- \* Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2014 (Raising Exemplification) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Joseph Fogarty and HM Bro Tony Stewart
- \* Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Joseph Fogarty and HM Bro Tony Stewart
- \* Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 (Passing Exemplification) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Hector Macphail PM, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Tony Stewart HM, Bro James Strachan HM and Bro Neil Forbes HM
- \* Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2014 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Allan MacFeate and Bro Bob Crossan
- \* Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro David Stevenson and Bro Norrie Frizzell
- \* PGLRW Regular Communication on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, WJW Bro Allan Glen, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro Alexander Galbraith, Bro James Livingstone, Bro James Miller HM, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM and Bro James Strachan HM
- \* Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 (Passing conferred by No XII) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Kenneth MacDougall PM, IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Allan MacFeate, WJW Bro Allan Glen, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Tony Buckley, Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James McGregor, Bro Campbell Snoddy, Bro Alan Frizzell, Bro David Wilson HM, Bro James Lever HM and Bro James Strachan HM
- \* The Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814 on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2014 (Lecture) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Allan Glen, Bro Tam Hamilton, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Alexander Galbraith, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM and Bro James Strachan HM
- \* The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2014 (Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro James McGregor, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Alasdair Beaton, Bro James Strachan HM and Bro Brian McFadyen
- \* Lodge The Prince's No 607 on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014 – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Iain White PM and Bro Tony Stewart HM.
- \* The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Allan Glen, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Bob Crossan and Bro Brian McFadyen
- \* Lodge St John No 187 Carlisle on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014 (Passing) – attended by WJW Bro Allan Glen, Bro Bob Crossan and Bro Tam Hamilton
- \* Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014 (Installation) – attended by WJW Bro Allan Glen, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Kenneth MacDougall PM, Bro Eddie McGill, HM Bro James Strachan, HM Bro Kenneth McCrae and HM Bro James Lever
- \* Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014 (Passing Exemplification) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Paul Galbraith, HM Bro Tony Stewart and HM Bro Iain Macleod

## From the old minute books of No XII

*We have been busy organising presentations to beneficiaries of our Charity Drive. This vitally important aspect of the work of No XII isn't a recent phenomenon as the minute book extracts from 1910 and 1911 (below) clearly demonstrate...*

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 1910

Bro John J Park, RW Master, in the Chair

Application for contributions for new Masonic Hall

... a Circular from Grand Lodge appealing for contributions on behalf of the New Freemasons' Hall was read. It was agreed that this matter should be remitted to the Executive Committee.

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 1911

Bro John J Park, RW Master, in the Chair

Donations to local Charities

It was proposed to give the sum of 12 Guineas to local charities, to be allocated as follows:-

Greenock Hospital and Infirmary	£3-3/-
District Nursing Association	£2-2/-
Children's Convalescent Home	£2-2/-
Eye and Ear Infirmary	£2-2/-
Provost McMillan's Breakfast Fund	£2-2/-
Medical Aid Society	1-1/-

Donation of £50 to Building Fund of Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh

With reference to the application of Grand Lodge for a donation to the Building Fund of the New Freemasons' Hall, it was agreed to contribute the sum of £50.

*In present day sums, the £12-12/- would be around £1222.00 and the £50 around £4453.00. in this sense our present day and 1910 commitments are similar in No XII.*

Iain White PM  
02.11.14

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