

Meetings 2014-15

- * 06.01.15
Lecture by RWPPGM
(Ayrshire) Bro Archie
Chalmers
- * 20.01.15
Raising
- * 03.02.15
No Meeting – Inverclyde
Music Festival
- * 17.02.15
Raising
- * Saturday 28.02.15
Annual Charity Burns
Supper
- 03.03.15
Passing and PGL
Renfrewshire West
Annual Visitation
- * 17.03.15
Raising
- * 07.04.15
Passing by Lodge The Gael
No 609
- * 21.04.15
Mark
- * Thursday 04.06.15
Entering by Lodge Past
Masters

Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII
The Saloon of the Town Hall, Greenock
Regular Meetings – 7.30pm 1st and 3rd Tuesdays – September to April
Special Meeting – 1st Thursday in June

RWM Bro Capt. Allan I. MacFeate 40 The Esplanade Greenock PA16 7RY (07855332738)
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Treasurer Bro David Stevenson 5 Broomberry Drive Gourrock PA19 1JY (07887904910)

Our Previous Meeting Tuesday 17th March 2015

The Lodge was well filled and RWM Bro Allan MacFeate invited all reigning Masters and Past Masters to the East. Bro William Lawson, RWM of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68, Bro Clive Taulbut, RWM of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 and Bro Hugh Docherty, RWM of Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 accepted the invitation. The Lodge proceeded to carry out the Third Degree ritual for candidate Fraser Cameron as follows: **Prayer:** Bro Robert Bain PM **Obligation:** RWM Bro Allan MacFeate **Retrospect:** WSW Bro Allan Glen **The Raising:** IPM Bro Alan Beck **Secrets:** Bro Kenneth Morrison PM **Apron:** WSW Bro Allan Glen **Working Tools:** WJW Bro Bob Crossan **Traditional History:** Bro Robert Bain PM **The Charge:** Bro David Stevenson

Our Next Meeting Tuesday 7th April

Lodge The Gael No 609 to confer Passing

Our next meeting, on Tuesday 7th will be a Passing. There are 2 candidates. The Degree will be conferred by our friends and brethren from Lodge The Gael No 609. Our Honorary Member, and Past Master of Lodge The Gael, Bro Donnie Finlayson says that he hopes to have at least 5 pipers in the Deputation. It will be great to renew old friendships and make new ones with the brethren of The Gael. Of course, we shall be under some pressure as far as the Harmony is concerned as those at Lodge The Gael are renowned far and wide.

Bowling Challenge Match – Saturday 2nd May

Past Master Bro Kenny Morrison is looking for players for the Annual Bowling Challenge against Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121. It will take place on the green of the Ardgowan Club on Saturday 2nd May 2015 at 1000. *Now we lie ...*



Summer Meeting - Thursday 4th June

There will be a Summer Meeting again this year. It will be held on Thursday 4th June, moving from our usual Tuesday slot so that we do not clash with the boollers' league night. The degree will be an Entering and it will be conferred by the Past Masters of the Lodge. Bro Alistair Glenny PM will take the Chair and **the degree team** is as follows: **RWM** Bro Alistair Glenny PM **IPM** Bro Allan I MacFeate RWM **WSW** Bro Alan D Beck PM **WJW** Bro KK Morrison PM **SD** Bro Iain White PM **JD** Bro Ken MacDougall **PM IG** Bro Robert J Bain PM **DoC** Bro Hector Macphail PM. The **floorworkers** are: **Prayer** Bro Hector Macphail PM **Obligation** Bro Alistair Glenny PM **Secrets** Bro KK Morrison PM **Apron** Bro Alan D Beck IPM **NEC** Bro Robert J Bain PM **Working Tools** Bro Allan I MacFeate RWM **Tracing Board** Bro Iain White PM **Charge** Bro Ken MacDougall PM.

There will be a focus on our charities with a Grand Raffle and a £5 Draw for a Gallon Bottle of Grouse. The collection will also support the Charity Drive

Reports on Visits

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- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 5th March 2015 (Raising) – attended by Bro David Stevenson, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro James Strachan HM
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 9th March 2015 (Passing & PGL Visit) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Tony Buckley, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Kenneth McCrae HM
- Stivenstone Thistle & Rose Lodge No 169 on 10th March 2015 (Raising) – attended by Bro Bob Bain PM
- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 11th March 2015 (Entering conferred by Lodge Gleniffer No 1219) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck and Bro David Wilson HM
- Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning Skelmorlie No 624 on 11th March 2015 (Passing) – attended by Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 on 12th March 2015 (Passing) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck and Bro Kenneth McCrae HM

On all occasions Fraternal Greetings were exchanged.

Not from the old No XII Minute Books – Part 2

Chapter 125 installation



INSTALLATION of Office-bearers of Green-Oak Chapter 125, Order of the Eastern Star, took place in the Masonic Hall, West Stewart Street. In the photograph are (back row): Mrs M. Hynes, PM (Asst. Mar.), P. McArthur, PM, Mrs H. Smail, PM, and Mrs B. McNeill, PM (Chairman); Seated: Mrs C. Galbraith, PM, Mrs I. Chalmers, Worthy Matron, Mrs Dooley, Installing Mistress.

Again we have a slightly different approach. Our wee report is NOT from the minute books but from the Greenock Telegraph of Wednesday 22nd December 1971. I came across this in a recent Telegraph extract from years gone by. This piece isn't even about the Craft; it's about the Order of the Eastern Star. At one time two chapters existed in Greenock - the one in the photo Green Oak No 125 and Auchmountain No 209. The latter is still in existence but the website of the Supreme Grand OES Chapter of Scotland tells me that Green Oak is now dormant. My own Grandmother, Annie Cameron, was a Worthy Matron in the Green Oak Chapter. She was also a member of the White Shrine of Jerusalem and, I think, the Amaranth orders. I'm sure that my mother was in the OES. As a wee boy, I remember going to Christmas parties run by the

OES which were really good, both at Green Oak in West Stewart Street and in Gourock. The Chapter there is dormant too.

So I have fond memories of the OES from family links and parties with games such as The Grand Old Duke of York, In and out go the dusty bluebells and The Farmer's in his Den! There was also the joy of ice cream and jelly and the arrival of Santa.

I would be pleased to hear further tales of the OES.

Iain White PM
05.04.15

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