

## Meetings 2015-16

- \* 01.09.15  
Raising
- \* 15.09.15  
Nomination and Election of  
Office Bearers  
Passing by Lodge Renfrew  
County Kilwinning No  
370
- \* 06.10.15  
Passing
- \* 20.10.15  
Passing
- \* 03.11.15  
Annual Meeting and  
Passing
- 17.11.15  
Annual Installation of  
Office Bearers (615pm)
- \* 01.12.15  
Annual Divine Service



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  
Special Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> 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)

## Back in the Old Routine

### Our Next Meeting Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015

The session starts on Tuesday with a Raising. We have 2 candidates. **The degree team** is as follows: **Obligation** Bro Allan MacFeate **RWM Retrospect** Bro Allan Glen **WSW Raising** Bro Alan Beck **IPM Secrets** Bro KK Morrison **PM Apron** Bro Allan Glen **WSW Working Tools** Bro Bob Crossan **WJW Traditional History and Tracing Board** Bro Bob Bain **PM Charge** Bro David Stevenson **Treas.**

## Test and Capitation Fees

Test Fees are now due and £40 should be paid either by standing order or direct to Bro David Stevenson, Treasurer. Capitation Fees are £30 for Life Members (at their discretion) and again these may be paid by standing order or direct. For details either see the recent email from Bro Stevenson or speak to him.

## No XII in New York

Bro Barry Banks' lodge in New York is to invite No XII to exemplify a degree (dispensations pending from PGL and GLoS, of course) on July 13th 2016. This is just a heads up to you all to gauge interest. The RWM will probably organise a meeting with those interested in going on this trip now that the holidays are over.

## The Summer Meeting

There was a big attendance at the Summer Meeting on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June. The Past Masters of the Lodge conferred a first class Entered Apprentice degree on 3 candidates.

**The Degree Team was:** Chair – Bro Alistair Glenny PM WSW – Bro Derek Kirkpatrick PM WJW – Bro Kenneth K. Morrison PM SD – IPM Bro Alan D. Beck JD – Bro Kenneth C. MacDougall PM IG – Bro Robert J. Bain PM

**The Floorworkers were:** Prayer – Bro Robert J. Bain PM Obligation – Bro Alistair Glenny PM Secrets – IPM Bro Alan D. Beck NEC – Bro Robert J. Bain PM Apron – Bro Derek Kirkpatrick PM Working Tools – Bro Kenneth K. Morrison PM Charge – Bro Kenneth C. MacDougall PM

## Czechmates ....

Planning a short break to Prague in the Czech Republic, Brother Ken MacDougall PM (No XII), Brother David Stevenson (No XII), Brother John Freeburn (No 1425) and Brother Richard Kennedy (No 68) thought there might be the possibility of a Masonic visit whilst out there. A wee bit of internet research soon revealed that Hiram Lodge No 12 (a nice coincidence!) was an international English speaking lodge in Prague with a regular meeting on the evening of 25<sup>th</sup> June, the very first day of the trip – and too good an opportunity to miss!

Initial email contact with Hiram Lodge No 12 proved positive and the wheels were set in motion to obtain the necessary clearances and confirmations to enable the visit. With the assistance of our own Provincial Grand Master, Bro James P. Livingstone (thanks Jim!), the Grand Lodge of Scotland soon cleared the visit with the Grand Lodge of the Czech Republic and letters of good standing duly despatched to the secretary of Hiram Lodge No 12.

Arriving in Prague at midday on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June was ideal timing to settle into the hotel, then out for lunch, some refreshments and ‘provisions’ before getting ready for the meeting. Following a short taxi ride to the Masonic Centre, we were greeted by their Secretary Brother Roman Choc and immediately led to the bar to sample some Czech beers! (a very nice Scottish touch) and meet the other brethren and visiting brethren, including WM Brother Petr Komarek.

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**From Left: WSW Lodge No 12 Prague Bro John Freeburn (1425) Bro Richard Kennedy (68) WM Brother Petr Komarek (12 Prague) Bro Ken MacDougall PM (XII) Bro David Stevenson (12) WJW No 12 Prague**

Unfortunately, there was no degree being worked at the meeting which was the first regular meeting after their annual Installation, but we were warmly welcomed by the new WM before discussion on various items of business ensued, including a request for Hiram Lodge No 12 to sponsor and support the proposed establishment of a new Masonic lodge in the country.

At the ‘third raising’, and with a cue from IPM Brother Eric Walker, Brother Ken MacDougall PM proceeded to the centre of the floor to thank the WM and Brethren of Hiram Lodge No 12 for enabling the visit and, following an invitation to the East, presented the WM with a Lodge

Greenock Kilwinning No XII tie and Lodge History. The presentation was completed with the gift of a bottle of malt whisky (duly purchased from the Duty Free at Glasgow Airport) as a wee taste of Scotland and with Fraternal Greetings from the RWMs and Brethren of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII, Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68, Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 and from the RWPGM of Renfrewshire West.

Following the meeting, the Festive Board got underway with a fine meal, wine, more beers and toasts. Brother Ken MacDougall PM had the pleasure of replying on behalf of the Visiting Brethren, thanking the hosts for their hospitality and fellowship. Brother Ken then had further pleasure in winning the raffle! The evening was rounded off with a few shots of a traditional Czech liqueur which tasted a lot better after the third or fourth shot!

Having said our farewells, we soon found ourselves back at the hotel and opening the previously purchased 'provisions' to reflect on a most enjoyable evening indeed and look forward to the rest of our wee break.



Bros John, Davie, Ken and Rikki relaxing!

**Brother Ken MacDougall PM**

## **From the Old Minute Books of No XII**

An interesting, nay exotic, gift to the Lodge ...

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 1911**

Bro John J Park, RW Master, in the Chair

Presentation of Morocco Sandals from Bro DFD Neill PM

The Lodge was then passed to the Fellowcraft Degree and before the work of the Lodge was proceeded with, Bro RC Smith SW, on behalf of Bro DFD Neill PM, handed over 6 pairs of Morocco sandals which Bro Neill had procured for the Lodge in his travels abroad. The RW Master in accepting the gift, spoke of the thoughtfulness which prompted it and instructed the Secretary to write an acknowledgement.

## Reports on Visits

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- Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning Skelmorlie No 624 on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015 (Mark) – attended by Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015 (Passing & PGLRW Annual Visit) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Alistair Glenny PM and Bro Kenneth Morrison PM
- Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015 (Passing) – attended by Bro Jim Livingstone, Bro David Stevenson, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM, Bro James Lever HM and Bro James Strachan HM
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015 (Raising) – attended by Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 (Entering) – attended by Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Paul Stevenson and Bro James Strachan HM
- Lodge Burns Dundonald No 1759 on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015 (Passing) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck and Bro Paul Stevenson
- Lodge Glasgow Kilwinning No 4 on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 (Raising) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Iain White PM and Bro Tony Stewart HM
- Lodge St John No 187 on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015 (Passing) – attended by Bro Tam Hamilton
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015 (Raising & PGLRW Annual 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 Eddie McGill, Bro Jim Livingstone and Bro James Miller HM
- Intender Programme' organised by the PGL Renfrewshire East on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015 – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck

On all occasions Fraternal Greetings were exchanged.

## Lapel Badges

For many years, Bro Henry S Tibbles PM sold anniversary lapel badges in aid of the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund through the West Column, the monthly newsletter of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West. Recently, he passed the mantle on to our Treasurer, Bro David Stevenson. Bro David asked me to start to publicise the badge availability through *XII Talk*. This will now be a regular feature.

Lapel Badges for 25, 40, and 50 years service are available at a cost of £5.50 each. A special “gem” set badge for 60 years is also available at £10. **All prices are excluding postage.** For every badge sold, £2 will be donated to the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund. All cheques should be made out to *David Stevenson*



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Grumpy Past Masters badges are also now available from David at a cost of £5.50 each, excluding postage.

**Iain White PM**  
**28.08.15**

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