

Twelve Talk

16.10.15

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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
Raising

* 20.10.15
Entering

* 03.11.15
Annual Meeting and
Passing by Lodge Firth of
Clyde Gourock No 626

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 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)
Secretary Bro Ken McDougall PM 8 Mount Stuart Drive Wemyss Bay (07810270787)
Treasurer Bro David Stevenson 5 Broomberry Drive Gourock PA19 1JY (07887904910)

Next Meeting Tuesday 20th October 2015

On Tuesday coming we have an Entering and there will be 1 candidate. The degree will be worked by the Office Bearers and brethren of No XII.

The degree team is: **Obligation** Bro Allan MacFeate RWM
Secrets Bro Alan D Beck IPM
Apron Bro Allan Glen WSW
NE Corner Bro Bob Bail PM
Working Tools Bro Bob Crossan WJW
Charge Bro Ken MacDougall PM Sec.



No XII Burns Supper 2014
Top Table Guests

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.

Charity Burns Supper – Speakers Confirmed!

The 2016 Charity Burns Supper will be in the Town Hall on Saturday 27th February. Bro Alasdair Hendry of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 will propose the Immortal Memory. The Toast to the Lassies will be from Bro Duncan McFadyen PM of Lodge Glasgow Kilwinning No 4.

The 2015 event was a huge success and over £6,000 was raised on the evening for local charities. We are grateful to all of our supporters and look forward to seeing you again next year.

Details of tickets will be announced soon.

Our Previous Meeting – Tuesday 6th October 2015

It was a special evening in No XII at our last meeting. The newly restored Victorian stained glass windows were back in to the Saloon after being missing for around 30 years.

As far as we can remember the windows were removed by Inverclyde Council for their own safety somewhere in the 1980s. Demolition work was being done and keeping them safe was the reason that is now accepted for their removal. It did not seem to work for although they were packed away in wooden crates specifically manufactured for the purpose, some seem to have gone missing in the intervening years. After removal, they were largely forgotten. The undertaking had been that they would be replaced when it was safe to do so. Although the demolition work was completed, the windows did not come back!

In fact, the crates were stored in the basement of the Town Buildings. It took us a while, some detective work by retired polis Bro Alex Galbraith, many meetings, more than a few letters, multiple discussions and umpteen emails but we got there. Actually, we never believed that we would fail in our quest to get the windows re-installed. Ultimately, the advocacy of Deputy Provost Bro David Wilson (an honorary member of No XII) was absolutely crucial and we are very grateful to Inverclyde Council for its time in planning, designing and funding the return. The first 6 windows are back in place with specially installed lighting to accentuate them.

I am indebted to Bro Bob Crossan WJW for the image of one of the windows. Have some fun checking out the masonic references and see how many you can find!



The Lodge was well filled again and the degree team was: **Obligation** Bro Allan MacFeate RWM **Retrospect** Bro Iain White PM **Raising** Bro Alan Beck IPM **Secrets** Bro Alistair Glenly PM IG **Apron** Bro Hector Macphail PM **Working Tools** Bro Bob Crossan WJW **Traditional History** Bro Ken MacDougall PM Sec. **Charge** Bro David Stevenson Treasurer. Bros Norrie Frizzell and Gary Lewis were Raised to the High and Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

Alan D Beck IPM is honoured by Lodge The Prince's No 607

On Monday 2nd of November, our IPM, Bro Alan D Beck, will be installed into the Chair of King Solomon in his affiliate lodge, The Prince's, 607 at their home in the Masonic Temple, 3 Mafeking St, Glasgow (off Copeland Rd, just behind Ibrox Stadium). The meeting starts at 530pm.

Bro Alan was already an honorary member of The Prince's when he affiliated to the lodge just over a year ago to "help out". As we understand it, Bro Alan is the third member of No XII to affiliate to 607, following in the footsteps of Bro Robert Lyons Scott PM in the 1920s and Bro Iain White PM in 2013. Bro Alan will be installed into the Chair by Bro Iain, assisted by Bro Bobby Shaw PM. On the evening of installation, our own RWPGM, Bro James P Livingstone, will deliver the Toast to the Lodge and RWM, Bro Allan I MacFeate will lead the deputation of the visiting brethren. It is hoped that as many brethren as possible will support Bros, Alan, Iain, Jim and Allan on the evening.

Brethren willing to drive, or wishing a lift, should contact Bro Bob Crossan WJW on 07788923074.



Lodge The Prince's No 607 Installation 2014

**Bro Iain White WSW Bro Bobby Shaw
RWM and Bro Alan D Beck WJW
This year when Bro Alan takes the
Chair, Bros Iain and Bobby will be his
Installing Masters**

XII Annual Installation Tuesday 17th November 2015 at 615pm

Bro Capt. Allan I MacFeate has been nominated and elected into the office of RWM for 2015-16. His Installing Masters will be Bros Iain White, Kenneth C MacDougall and Hector Macphail, all Past Masters of No XII. The Installation will have the full ceremonial and an Installing Board will be constituted in an adjacent apartment. Dinner in the Town Hall will follow the meeting. As is the tradition in No XII, the Deputation of Visiting Brethren will be led by the RWM of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 who will also reply to the Toast at the

Dinner. This year, the RWM of 68 is Bro William Lawson a 'weel kent face' in No XII being such a regular visitor.

Freemasonry in Washington DC

Bro James McGregor (the Elder) has given me some great information and photos from his visit to the USA. Jim said, "While on a sightseeing holiday in Washington D.C. in going to visit all the usual places like the White House ,Capitol Hill, the Lincoln Memorial etc,etc. I came across this little gem (or perhaps not so little). This building is a must see for any Brother visiting the capital. It reminds me of the "The Tardis" - a lot bigger and better in the inside than it is on the outside. Other than the pics that I have enclosed, the guide who was taking us round gave us some great information. For example, there is a small flag with the square and compasses on it that belonged to astronaut Buzz Aldrin. He took to the moon in 1969 and brought it all the way back. It is displayed in the museum along with many more fascinating items."





More information and photos from Bro Jim will follow in a subsequent edition

Reports on Visits

- ✠ Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 21st September 2015 (Entering Exemplification) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Fraser Cameron, Bro Gary Lewis, Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro Alex Gray, Bro James Strachan HM and Bro Iain MacLeod HM
- ✠ Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 22nd September 2015 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro James Livingstone, Bro James Miller HM and Bro James Strachan HM
- ✠ Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 25th September 2015 (Passing) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Paul Stevenson
- ✠ Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 28th September 2015 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM and Bro James Strachan HM
- ✠ Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 1st October 2015 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Campbell Snoddy and Bro James Strachan HM
- ✠ The Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814 on 2nd October 2015 (Lecture) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan and Bro Paul Stevenson
- ✠ The Prince's Lodge No 607 on 5th October 2015 (Entering – Reigning Masters Degree) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Tony Stewart HM

On all occasions fraternal greetings were exchanged

From the Old Minute Books of No XII

On 15th September we had the Deputation from Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning No 370 visit us to Confer the Second Degree. In previous *XII Talks* I have alluded to the lengthy fraternal relationship between No XII and 370. The excerpts below refer to 370 conferring a Mark Degree in No XII over a century ago!

Also, there is reference to our Mark Degree plans being presented by Bro Alf Flett, the Substitute Master at the time. It is always interesting to know the source of our Lodge artefacts

and, to reflect on their source (and often antiquity) as we use them. Bro Flett was a Grocer who originated from Glasgow and had joined No XII on 4th December 1901 at the age of 42.

Friday 23rd April 1912

Bro John J Park, RW Master, in the Chair

The RW Master intimated that a Lodge of Mark Master Masons would be held on 7th May and that the Degree would be conferred by Bro WD McLennan PM and Office Bearers of Lodge County Kilwinning No 370, Paisley

Tuesday 7th May 1912

Bro John J Park, RW Master, in the Chair

Mark Degree conferred by Bro WD McLennan PM and Office Bearers of Lodge County Kilwinning No 370, Paisley

Bro Park having vacated his Chair, the working of the Lodge was taken over by Bro WD McLennan PM and Office Bearers of Lodge County Kilwinning No 370, Paisley and constituted a Mark Masons Lodge

Forty three candidates presented themselves for this degree

Mark Degree Plans presented by Bro Alf Flett SM.

In the course of the evening, the RW Master thanked Bro Alf Flett SM for the set of Mark Degree Plans presented to the Lodge.

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*



Badges, may be purchased individually by qualified Brethren, or in bulk by Lodges who may wish to make presentations to deserving Brethren, for meritorious service. All enquiries and orders to treasurer12@aol.com. Please make cheques payable to *David Stevenson*.



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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