

# Twelve Talk

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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

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## No XII and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West

No XII and the Provincial Grand Lodge have been closely linked back through the years since its inception. Many members of No XII have been Provincial Grand Masters with a whole succession of the Shaw Stewart Baronets featuring prominently, ending with Sir Guy who served from 1943 – 1967. Since then Bros James Hendry (1972-73) and David M Leith (1973-79) from No XII served.

At the recent installation of elective office bearers, Past Masters of No XII took the following offices: Alan D Beck **Architect**, Robert J Bain **Bard**, Alistair Glenny **Director of Music** and Kenneth K Morrison **Organist**. In addition, Past Masters Alex More and Iain White are Past Provincial Senior Grand Wardens.

## 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 directly.

## Bro Gordon Dickie

Bro. Gordon Hamilton Dickie passed to The Grand Lodge Above very suddenly at home on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Initiated on 17<sup>th</sup> March 1981, passed on 7<sup>th</sup> April 1981 and raised on 7<sup>th</sup> September 1981, we had not seen Gordon in the Lodge for a while but he had been a very enthusiastic member of No XII. He was an office bearer, a floor worker and served as Depute Master to Bro Peter R Sinclair when he was RWM between 1987 and 1989. Gordon was a computer programmer with IBM at the Greenock site and took early retirement some time ago. In his retirement, he was very active in Cathcart Old Parish Church and, being the kind and generous person that he was spent time looking after elderly relatives. Gordon's generosity will ensure that he should always be remembered in No XII because the solid silver pencil that is part of our Third Degree Working Tools was presented to the Lodge by him' Gordon is survived by his wife Brenda to whom our thoughts and prayers go out at this sad time.

## 1. Meetings 2015-16

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Lecture

The History of  
Freemasonry in  
Renfrewshire West by Bro  
Alex Galbraith SM PSGM  
PPGM

\* 19.01.16

Raising

\* 02.02.16

No Meeting – Music festival

\* 16.02.16

Entering

\* 01.03.16

Passing

\* 15.03.16

Raising

\*05.04.16

Raising

\* 19.04.16

Mark

\* Thursday 02.06.16

Entering by the Past  
Masters of the Lodge



## Visit to Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning No 370

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016

*I have the following from the RWM about the visit to Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning No. 370 in Paisley to confer a Passing.*

Our Deputation of 11 brethren was warmly received by RWM Bro. Andrew Thomson and the brethren of 370. On receiving the Gavel from RWM Andrew Thomson, RWM Bro. Capt. Allan MacFeate then commenced the business of the evening. You could have heard a pin drop and that was how it was throughout the ceremony. The No.XII Degree Team was in fine form and a truly excellent presentation of the Second Degree was carried out much to the appreciation of the brethren who were in attendance.

The Degree Team was **Obligation** RWM Bro. Capt. Allan I MacFeate **Secrets** Bro. Alan D Beck IPM **Apron** Bro Allan T Glen WSW **Working Tools** Bro Bob Bain PM **Tracing Board** Bro Ken C MacDougall PM **Charge** Bro Allan T Glen WSW

Before returning the Gavel Bro. MacFeate expressed his delight for No.XII to have had the honour to have conferred the Passing at No.370 and looked forward to RWM Bro. Andrew Thomson leading a deputation from 370 to visit at Greenock in the not too distant future and thereby further cement the special relationship between the Lodges.

RWM Bro. Thomson then thanked the Brethren of No.XII for a wonderful degree which he assured was enjoyed by all. Fraternal greetings were then exchanged.

A most enjoyable Harmony then followed where we were well fed and watered by our guests.



**Back:** Bros. Paul Stevenson IG Fraser Cameron Bob Crossan WJW Campbell Snoddy JD Alex Gray David D Stevenson Treasurer Allan T Glen WSW Alan D Beck IPM

**Front:** Bros. Andrew Thomson RWM (370) Bro Capt. Allan I MacFeate RWM Bro Robert J Bain PM Chaplain Bro Kenneth C MacDougall PM Secretary

## Meeting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016



The brethren present were treated to a comprehensive history of freemasonry in the Province of Renfrewshire West, delivered by Bro Alex Galbraith PM SM. We heard of the fact that Scotland is acknowledged to be the cradle of freemasonry all over the world with the exception of one country which shall remain nameless! While it is easy to take stories and myths as facts, The Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No 1 has the oldest minute in the world, dating from 1599.

Of course, freemasonry in this area began in 1728 with No XII and the growth started there. Alex explained how No XII was a self-constituted lodge and has had a variety of numbers: No 15 in 1757, was still No 15 in 1809, became 12 in 1816, 11 in 1822 and went back to 12 in 1826 where it has remained ever since. Alex delved deep into the Port Glasgow numbering controversy and raised a few discussion points especially for RWM Bro Willie Lawson of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 who was present! We heard from Alex of Lodges now dormant like Lodge Mountstuart Kilwinning, Lodge St Andrew Crawforddyke and, of recent memory, Lodge International.

In concluding the fascinating journey through freemasonry in this area, Bro Alex reminded us that it's the future that counts now!

Such was the success of the presentation that many of the brethren present urged Bro Alex to publish his Lecture as a pamphlet. He was given a resounding Vote of Thanks.

## Meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016

The Lodge was busy and RWM Bro Allan MacFeate invited all reigning Masters and Past Masters to the East. Bro Nicholas Stetz, RWM of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626, Bro Paul Docherty, RWM of Lodge Sir Michael No 989, Bro Adam MacKenzie, RWM of Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 and Bro Kyle Wilson, RWM of Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 accepted the invitation.

Two candidates were Raised to the Third or High and Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The degree team was **Prayer** Chaplain Bro Robert Bain PM

**Obligation:** RWM Bro Allan MacFeate **Retrospect:** WSW Bro Allan Glen **The Raising:** Marshal Bro Hector Macphail PM **Secrets:** IPM Bro Alan Beck **Apron:** WSW Bro Allan Glen **Working Tools:** Bro Martin Anderson **Traditional History:** Chaplain Bro Robert Bain PM **The Charge:** Secretary Bro Ken MacDougall PM.

## Charity Burns Supper The Goalie joins the Speakers!

The 2016 Charity Burns Supper will be in the Town Hall on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 630 for 7pm. 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 the Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge No 4. A late addition to the speakers' list is Andy Goram, known in the world of football and beyond as 'The Goalie'.



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. The Burns Supper is the foundation of our charitable work and your support is vital to its success

Tickets are £20 and they can be reserved with Bros Alan Beck IPM and Iain White PM. Table reservations are also welcome.



**The Top Table  
No XII Burns Supper 2015**

## Reports on Visits

### Reports:

- ✦ Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge No 4 on 2nd December 2015 (Annual Installation) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Iain White PM and Bro Tony Stewart HM
- ✦ Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 3rd December 2015 (Raising) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck
- ✦ Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WSW Bro Allan Glen, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro David Stevenson, Bro James Livingstone, Bro James Miller HM, Bro James Lever HM, Bro James Strachan HM, Bro Tony Stewart HM and HM Bro Kenneth McCrae

- ✦ Lodge The Gael No 609 on 5th December 2015 (Annual Installation) – attended by WSW Bro Allan Glen, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Iain MacLeod HM, Bro William Bryce HM, Bro Donald Finlayson HM and Bro Hamish McLachlan HM
- ✦ Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121 on 8th December 2015 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro James Miller HM, Bro James Strachan HM and Bro Kenneth McCrae HM
- ✦ Children in Poverty Inverclyde at the Municipal Buildings on 10th December 2015 (Annual Presentation of Awards) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate
- ✦ Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Campbell Snoddy, Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro Tam Hamilton, Bro Iain MacLeod HM, Bro James Strachan HM, Bro James Lever HM, Bro David Wilson HM, Bro James Miller HM and Bro Tony Stewart HM
- ✦ Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 14th December 2015 (Passing) – attended by WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Eddie McGill
- ✦ The Glasgow Star Lodge No 219 on 14th December 2015 (Annual Installation) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck and Bro Tony Stewart HM
- ✦ Lodge Crawfurdsburn No 1121 on 15th December 2015 (Annual Divine Service) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro James Miller HM, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM and Bro James Strachan HM
- ✦ The Lodge of Glasgow No 3bis on 15th December 2015 (Annual Installation) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck and Bro Tony Stewart HM
- ✦ Lodge Whifflet St John's No 963 on 19th December 2015 (Annual Installation) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck
- ✦ Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 28th December 2015 (Raising) – attended by WSW Bro Allan Glen, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Iain White PM, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Tony Stewart HM, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM and Bro Sandy Reddy HM
- ✦ Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 8th January 2016 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro Robert Bain PM, Bro Alex Gray, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Alexander Galbraith and Bro James Miller HM
- ✦ Lodge Saint Conval Giffnock No 1359 on 9th January 2016 (Annual Installation) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck and Bro Tony Stewart HM
- ✦ Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 11th January 2016 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Livingstone and Bro Kenneth McCrae HM
- ✦ Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 13th January 2016 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro James Livingstone
- ✦ Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning No 370 on 14th January 2016 (Passing conferred by No XII) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WSW Bro Allan Glen, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, IG Bro Paul Stevenson, Chaplain Bro Robert Bain PM, JD Bro Campbell Snoddy, Secretary Bro Ken MacDougall PM, Treasurer Bro David Stevenson, Assistant Steward Bro Fraser Cameron, Bro Alex Gray and Bro David Wilson HM
- ✦ Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 on 14th January 2016 (Raising) – attended by Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM and Bro James Strachan HM
- ✦ Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning Skelmorlie No 624 on 15th January 2016 (Annual Installation) – attended by Bro Dugald Rankin, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Livingstone and Bro Kenneth McCrae HM
- ✦ The Prince's Lodge No 607 on 18th January 2016 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck (RWM of No 607), Bro Iain McPherson HM and Bro Tony Stewart HM

## **Visit to Penang (Malaysia) January 2016 – Alistair Glenny PM**

I am grateful to Bro Alistair for supplying me this report on his Masonic exploits during his recent holiday to visit his daughter and her family in the Far East.

Once more whilst visiting family in Penang, I visited 3 of the Masonic Lodges which meet in the Masonic Temple in Georgetown, Penang, Malaysia.

As reported last year the Temple has been completely refurbished, with particular care, and attention to detail, being given to the actual Lodge Meeting rooms on the upper floor. The

photograph below clearly shows the results achieved thus far with a floor surface and “carpet” in material more in keeping with climatic conditions. Individual Air Conditioning units now ensure a pleasant ambience and whilst removing the old ventilation system above a false ceiling, a beautiful arched roof was discovered and has since been renovated, forming an integral part of Lodge décor.



**06.01.2016**

I visited **The Royal Prince of Wales Lodge No 1555 EC** and witnessed an excellent Entering of candidate Mr Lim Choo Jim (known to all as Jim Lim!!) The ceremonial was very similar to our own 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and at the close of the meeting, fraternal greetings were exchanged with Worshipful Master Bro Suckbeer Singh, office bearers and brethren from all at Greenock Kilwinning NoX11 SC.

Witnessing the degree of Entering of his friend Jim Lim, was Right Worshipful Master Alan Lee Yan Chuan of Lodge Angus No 1529 SC from the city of Ipoh the capital city of Perak in peninsular Malaysia. Lodge Angus was formed in 1957 and like Lodge Scotia 1003, forms part of **The District Grand Lodge of The Middle East.**



Above WM Singh and some of his Candidate Jim in plain apron, and SC

*(and no one had to stay carpet!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)*



Office Bearers from Lodge 1555, Alan from Lodge Angus No 1529

*behind and roll up the*

### 08.01.2016

Along with my Son in Law, Simon Gray, from Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 I visited Lodge **Shamrock in Penang No 938 IC** and whilst there was no degree, we were enlightened by a lecture titled “The Legend of Hiram Abiff” delivered by Bro Dr Prem Kumar Chandrasekaran of the Lodge. Fraternal greetings were exchanged on behalf of our respective Lodges with RWM John Foster Slater and brethren of Lodge Shamrock.



The Brethren from Lodge Shamrock in Penang No 938 IC with Simon Gray and Alistair Glenny

### 28.01.2016

Again, accompanied by Simon, we had the delight and privilege to visit **Lodge Scotia 1003 SC**, its RWM, Bro Raymond Herbert Godfroy, and Brethren to witness the passing to the Second, Square, or Fellowcraft Degree of Brother Stanley J Gibb who comes from Peterhead in Scotland and now lives in Penang. The ceremonial work was excellent and a fine reflection on all participants. Visitors that evening included a large and influential deputation from **The District Grand Lodge of The Middle East** headed by their Substitute District Grand Master Bro Paul Manecksha and included many respected office bearers one being Bro Dr Daljit Singh



Nagresh Hon SG Warden, RWIPDGM of the Middle East and PM of lodge Scotia.  
The large turnout from District Grand Lodge, who were all well impressed by the Temple renovations, entered the Lodge accompanied by this attractive Standard

Lodge attendance that evening was over 60 which highlights the esteem with which Scotia is held, being of course the driving force behind the upgrade of the building.

Great excitement exists at present as Penang will host a District Grand Lodge conference later this month (February 2016) and everyone is eagerly looking forward to a delegation attending from **Grand Lodge of Scotland** including our **Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason Charles I R Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont**.

In thanking RWM Raymond Godfroy and Brethren of Lodge Scotia, I said I was about to depart Penang in a few days leaving temperatures of 33 degrees to around 3 but that the warmth and cordiality of their welcome would stay with me. Fraternal greetings were extended from all at Lodges X11 and 626 with RWM Godfroy and Brethren.



### From the old No XII Minute Books

#### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1912

At the Annual Meeting of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No 12 held in the Saloon of the Town Hall on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1912 at 730pm

Bro John J Park, occupied the Chair

Presentation of the Masonic Bowling Cup and Prizes

An important event in the evening's proceedings was the presentation of the Masonic Bowling Cup. The Cup which is the gift of Bro Bailie Orr of this Lodge was handed over by Bro WG Buchanan PM to Bro John J Park IPM who expressed the pleasure to accept the custody of the Cup on behalf of the Lodge for the ensuing year. The winning rink consisted of Bros James Hannah, RC Pollock, John Hughes and Alex Malcolm to whom handsome prizes were handed over by Bro Bailie Orr, regret being expressed at the absence of Bro RC Pollock through illness.

*Of course, the Orr Cup was won last year, 97 years later, by a No XII Rink comprising Bros Kenny Morrison PM, David Stevenson and George Felgate*

## 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 [treasurerno12@aol.com](mailto:treasurerno12@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**  
**13.02.16**

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