

# Twelve Talk

12.03.16

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## 1. Meetings 2015-16

\* 05.01.16

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



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)

## Previous Meeting Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March Entering

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 Edward Ross, RWM of Lodge Greenock St. John's No 175, Bro Gordon Leitch, RWM of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 and Bro Nicholas Stetz, RWM of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626, accepted the invitation. The Lodge proceeded to carry out the Second Degree ritual on Bro Allan Jess. The floor workers were: **Prayer:** Almoner Bro Alistair Glenn PM **Obligation:** RWM Bro Allan MacFeate **Secrets:** IPM Bro Alan Beck **Apron:** WSW Bro Allan Glen **Working Tools:** WJW Bro Bob Crossan **Tracing Board:** Secretary Bro Ken MacDougall PM. **The Charge:** Bro Bob Bain PM

## Next Meeting Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March Raising

There will be a Raising on Tuesday and the Candidates will be Bros Scott Galbraith and Max Johnstone. The degree will be worked by the brethren of No XII.

## Bro James Wilson Sinclair

Bro Jim Sinclair passed to the Grand Lodge Above. Jim was initiated on January 5<sup>th</sup> 1960 at the age of 26. A project engineer by profession, he spent many years working for IBM. A man of many interests, he was an avid Morton supporter and his fondness for angling led to his membership of Dunrod Angling Club. Jim was a member of the Speakers Club too. I remember him, some years ago, giving a very interesting account of a Masonic meeting he had attended on a cruise ship when on holiday. This was done in the days when cruising was a rarity indulged in only by more discerning travellers! Our thoughts are with his family at this time and particularly his son Jim, also a member of the Lodge. No XII was well represented at the very personal funeral service during the week which was conducted by Bro Jack Glenn PM who was a good friend.

## 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.

## No XII Charity Burns Supper 2016



**Back Row: Sandy Reddy Alan Beck Jim Livingstone Iain White Alasdair Beaton  
Front Row: Duncan McFadyen Alasdair Hendry Ian Ross Alan MacFeate Andy Goram David Wilson**

The 6<sup>th</sup> No XII Burns Supper was the biggest yet! Just over 170 sat down in the Greenock Town Hall on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February to a sumptuous meal prepared and served by our President of Stewards, Tony Buckley's staff from I.C.E Catering. Having demanded admission, the Haggis was piped in by Lodge Piper Bro Alasdair Beaton PM and addressed in lusty fashion by Bro Alan D Beck IPM. In charge of proceedings from the Chair was Bro Ian M Ross PM and he kept things moving along in his usual efficient and good humoured way. Bro James P Livingstone RWPGM said Grace and Tam O' Shanter was given a lively run out by Bro Sandy Reddy. Main speaker Alasdair Hendry, local solicitor and member of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217, gave us a thought provoking Immortal Memory where he highlighted the universal appeal of Robert Burns, contrasting occasions when he has spoken in very different places, to very different audiences and yet found that the material was equally well received, thanks to the wide appeal of the Bard. The Lassies were toasted in amusing fashion by Bro Duncan McFadyen (PM of The Glasgow Kilwinning No 4) and Andy Goram replied. It was good to hear Deputy Provost Bro David Wilson in fine form and offering words of reassurance to the brethren of 217 regarding the repair of their temple. Bro Ken MacDougall PM gave a hearty Vote of Thanks and this was followed by everyone joining enthusiastically in *The Star o' Rabbie Burns* and *Auld Lang Syne*. IPM Bro Alan D Beck's singing was of the highest professional quality as were his accompanists, Jamie Stables on trumpet and Craig Dunsmore on keyboards.

We were grateful to professional auctioneer Brian Clements who stepped in from the body of the haul to conduct our charity auction. This and the raffles so effectively conducted by the Bros McGregor brought an eventual profit from the evening to go to our charities of around £5,300. The major beneficiaries will be the Erskine Home for veterans, Children in Poverty Inverclyde and REACH for Autism Inverclyde.

The 2017 Burns Supper will be on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February!

### **Lodge Eaglesham No 1265 Burns Supper**



I had the pleasure of proposing the Toast to the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns at the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Burns Supper of Lodge Eaglesham No 1265. I was invited to join some well-known brethren in No XII and we are pictured above. Bro Bobby Shaw (PM of the Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge No 275 and also of Lodge The Prince's No 607) Toasted the Lassies, Bro Iain Gordon (Junior Deacon of the Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge No 275) replied and Bro John Hutcheson (Senior Deacon of the Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge No 275) sang and delivered the readings. We had a most enjoyable evening in very comfortable Lodge premises in the village just outside Glasgow



## Reports on Visits

### Reports:

- ✦ Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 18th February 2016 (Raising) – attended by WSW Bro Allan Glen
- ✦ Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 22nd February 2016 (Entering Exemplification) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Alex Gray, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM and Bro James Strachan HM
- ✦ Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 23th February 2016 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Campbell Snoddy, Bro Fraser Cameron, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM, Bro James Strachan HM and Bro James Miller HM
- ✦ Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 26th February 2015 (Raising) – attended by WSW Bro Allan Glen, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Livingstone and Bro James Strachan HM
- ✦ The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 on 26th February 2016 (Burns Supper) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck

On all occasions Fraternal Greetings were exchanged

## From the old No XII Minute Books

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 1913

Bro RC Smith, RW Master, in the Chair

Bro Sir Hugh Shaw Stewart's name suggested as Provincial Grand Master

An intimation from Grand Lodge was read suggesting that Sir Hugh Shaw Stewart's Commission as Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire West would expire in February next. It requested that the matter be considered in open Lodge and the name of a brother be sent to Grand Secretary not later than 18<sup>th</sup> inst.

Bro John J Park IPM moved that the name of Bro Sir Hugh Shaw Stewart be put forward and this was unanimously agreed to.

*These, of course, were the days when the Shaw Stewarts were the 'hereditary' provincial Grand Masters of Renfrewshire West.*

## 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.

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**12.03.16**

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