

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

Summer Meeting
Entering by the Past
Masters of the Lodge



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)

Next Meeting Thursday 2nd June Entering by the Past Masters of No XII

The Summer Meeting is, as has become the custom, an Entering by the Past Masters of the Lodge with Bro Derek A. Kirkpatrick in the Chair. His team office bearers has been in place for some time now so the 'Auld Yins' have no excuse – they have had lots of time to rehearse!

The team is **Chair** Bro Derek A. Kirkpatrick (1999-2001); **IPM** Bro Alan D. Beck (2012-2014) – Prayer and Secrets; **WSW** Bro Murray Thomson (1997-1999) – Apron; **WJW** Bro Robert J. Bain (2003-2005 and 2011-2012) – NEC; **SD** Bro Iain White (1989-1991) - Tracing Board; **JD** Bro Kenneth C. MacDougall (2007-2009)–Charge; **IG** Bro Alistair Glenly (1983-1985) - Working Tools.

It is hoped that there will a good crowd to cheer the 'Auld Yins' on and assess their performance – after all, they are keen enough to do that with other floor workers! The collection on the evening will be in aid of the No XII Charity Drive.

Bro Hugh Paton (1937 – 2016)

Bro Hugh Paton passed to the Grand Lodge Above last month after a lengthy illness, bravely borne. Bro Hugh was one of No XII's faithful back benchers. These are the brethren who attend the Lodge regularly, enjoy the fellowship yet never aspire to become involved in floor work or take an office. A gardener by profession, he was Initiated into the Lodge at the age of 28 on 19th January 1965, Passed on February 16th 1965 and Raised on March 2nd 1967. Thereafter, Bro Hugh was a regular attender over the years and I remember him being a faithful supporter with his brothers. His son Andrew followed him into the Lodge in 1990 and this gave Bro Hugh a great deal of pride and satisfaction. Quiet and gentlemanly, Bro Hugh was a No XII stalwart who received his Diploma for 50 years' service on 20th January 2015 and was very proud on that evening. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this sad time. The Lodge was represented at the funeral service.

Challenge Bowling Match Against Lodge Crawfordsburn

The annual match at Ardgowan on 30th April ended in a comfortable win for Lodge Crawfordsburn. The trophy goes back to them for a year (at least)!

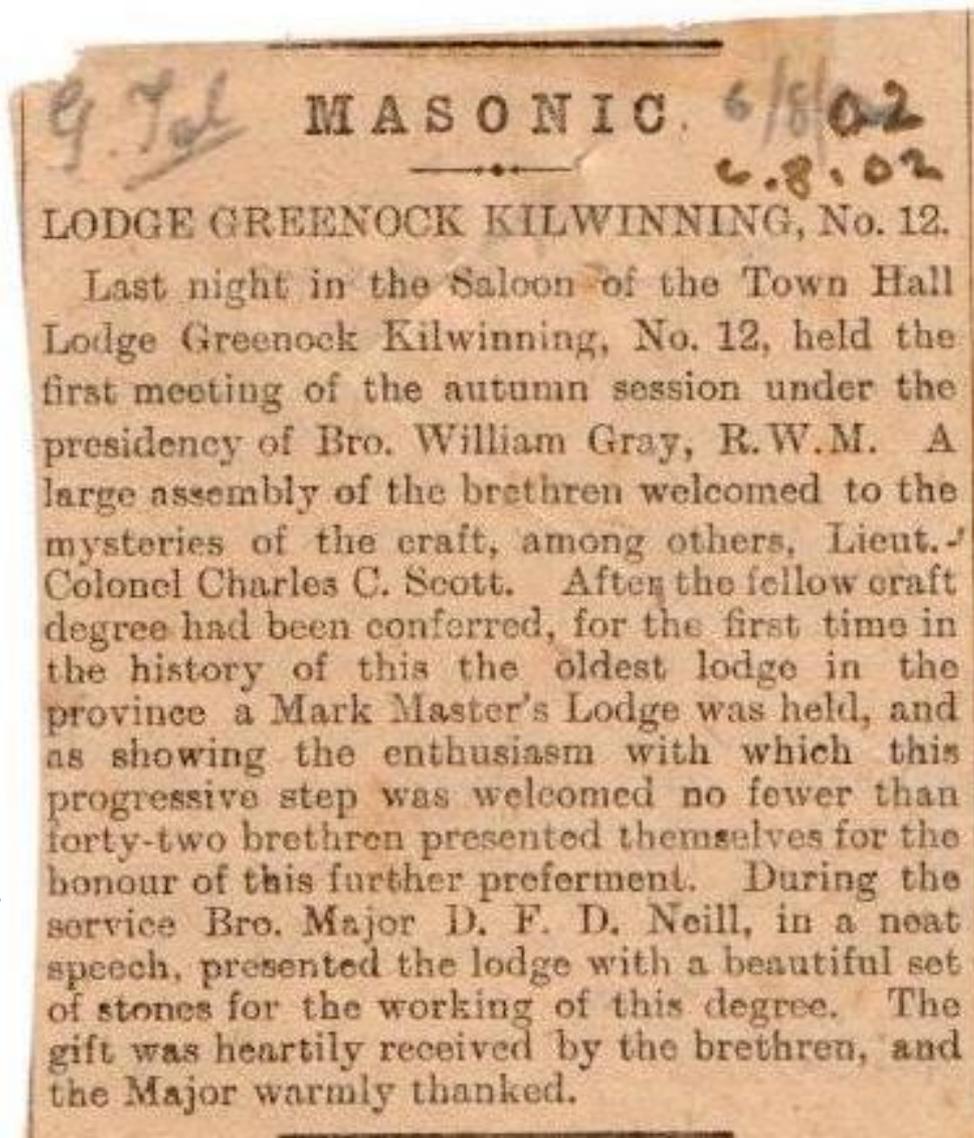
Previous Meeting Tuesday 19th April Mark Degree

The Lodge was well filled with 34 Brethren of No XII and 21 visiting Brethren in attendance. RWM Bro Allan MacFeate welcomed all the Brethren to the meeting, especially all the visiting Brethren. The Brethren of No XII showed their appreciation of the attendance by all the visitors this evening. RWM Bro Allan MacFeate invited all reigning Masters and Past Masters to the East. 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 Gourock No 626 accepted the invitation.

The brethren of No XII, carried out the Mark ritual: **Conductor:** Bro Kenneth K. Morrison PM; **Junior Overseer:** Bro Ken MacDougall PM; **Senior Overseer:** Bro Alistair Glenny PM; **Master Overseer:** Bro Robert Bain PM; **Prayer:** WSW Bro Allan Glen; **Obligation:** RWMM Bro Allan MacFeate; **Secrets & Lecture:** Bro James Livingstone; **Working Tools & Badge:** Bro Kenneth K. Morrison PM; **The Charge:** WJW Bro Bob Crossan. There were 6 candidates.

The History of the Mark Degree in No XII

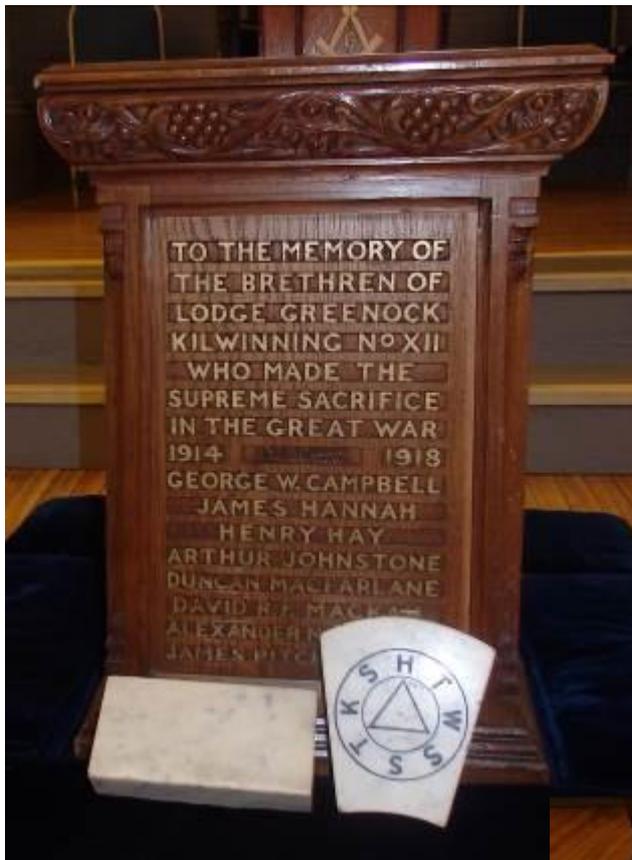
The first time that the Mark Degree was worked in No XII was in August 1902. The detail is given in the scan below which is from the *Greenock Telegraph*. This was obviously a popular innovation as 42 brethren presented themselves to take the Mark.



The Lieutenant Colonel Charles Cunningham Scott mentioned in the piece above as being welcomed to the mysteries of the Craft, was, of course a member of the Scott Shipbuilding dynasty and the brother of one of No XII's most eminent and celebrated brethren, Bro RL Scott PM. Their father, John Scott, was a member of No XII. These two Scott brothers presented No XII's handsome charter case, which they had manufactured from the casemate armour of the cruiser HMS Argyll which was being built in the Cartburn Dockyard in 1909.

The Cartburn Dockyard claimed to be the oldest shipbuilding yard in the world, having been established by John Scott in 1711. There was a plaque in the small garden in the yard, unveiled by the Duke of Edinburgh in 1961, which commemorated this. Now, of course nothing is left of the yard but a new plaque was sited at the head of the small derelict drydock in 2012 after a public campaign. It was unveiled by Nigel Willis, the grandson of Charles Cunningham Scott.

Interestingly, while this Telegraph cutting has the date of 6th August 1902 written on it, this date must refer to when the meeting was held and not the date of publication of the newspaper. Research in the No XII roll book shows Charles Cunningham Scott initiated on 6th August and James Leggatt, a railway clerk, passed the same evening. This must all have happened before the Mark Degree. One can only assume that the brethren in these days had great stamina! Bro CC Scott was passed on 20th August 1902 and Raised on 10th September.



Another brother with a military rank, Major DFD Neill, is mentioned in the article because he presented the Mark stones for the degree to the Lodge. Of course, these are the stones that are still used today. Bro Neill was a sugar refiner, a member of the family that were partners in the company (Neill, Dempster and Neill). They owned a refinery at Dellingburn, Greenock. Bro Neill went on to be RWM of No XII in 1905-06. The stones are shown on the left and below.

The Mark Degree Plans were presented by Bro Alf Flett Substitute Master on 7th May 1912 and the Mark Tools by Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 22nd March 1916.



A very special Mark Degree

I am indebted to Bro Derek A Kirkpatrick PM for the following report on a unique evening in the history of No XII.

The Charity Millennium Mark Degree

As we approached the year 2000, many individuals and organizations, all across the globe started to make plans for events to mark the beginning of the new millennium.

In this, Freemasons were no exception, with many Orders making arrangements for a series of events to celebrate this occasion.

One of the events which took place, was the Charity Millennium Mark Degree, which was intended to forge closer relationships between Craft and Royal Arch Masons, as well as raising money for local charities.

Unlike England, in Scotland the Mark Degree is conferred in both Craft Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters, thus providing a common degree in which members of both Orders were qualified to attend.

Having said that, there was a great deal of work which had to be done in order to get the appropriate permissions, dispensations and protocols formally approved by both Orders in order to have this meeting, so that both Brethren and Companions could meet together without breaching the Constitution and Laws of either Order.

This was a difficult and complicated task, and it was only made possible by the hard work and support of both the Provincial Grand Lodge Of Renfrewshire West and the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Renfrewshire, who liaised with both the Grand Lodge Of Scotland, and the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Of Scotland respectively.

As a result, a Mark Degree was held on Wednesday 19th January 2000 within the premises of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68, where the meeting was opened by the Companions of Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No 17, then advanced to the Mark Degree, at which point Mark Master Masons who were not Royal Arch Masons were admitted, and the Degree was conferred by the Brethren of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII.

This was indeed an historic meeting as we have a Mark Lodge being opened by Royal Arch Companions wearing their Royal Arch Regalia, being held under the Charter of a Royal Arch Chapter, with Craft Masons in attendance wearing their Craft regalia, and the degree being conferred by a Craft Lodge.

The occasion was a great success, and we were doubly honoured on that evening to have in attendance not only a deputation from the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Renfrewshire, but also a deputation from The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Of Scotland consisting of the following Most Excellent Companions:-

M.E.C. The Rev John K. Clark M.B.E., the Third Grand Principal of Scotland

M.E.C. Allan McEwen, Past Second Grand Principal of Scotland

M.E.C. Grahame J. Smith, Grand Scribe E.

M.E.C. Douglas T. Philand, Grand Director of Ceremonies

Following the meeting, there was a dinner with various toasts, and entertainment was provided by Bro. Iain Darroch who gave a short talk on the history of the unusual shuttle pipes, followed by a recital of pipe music from around the world.

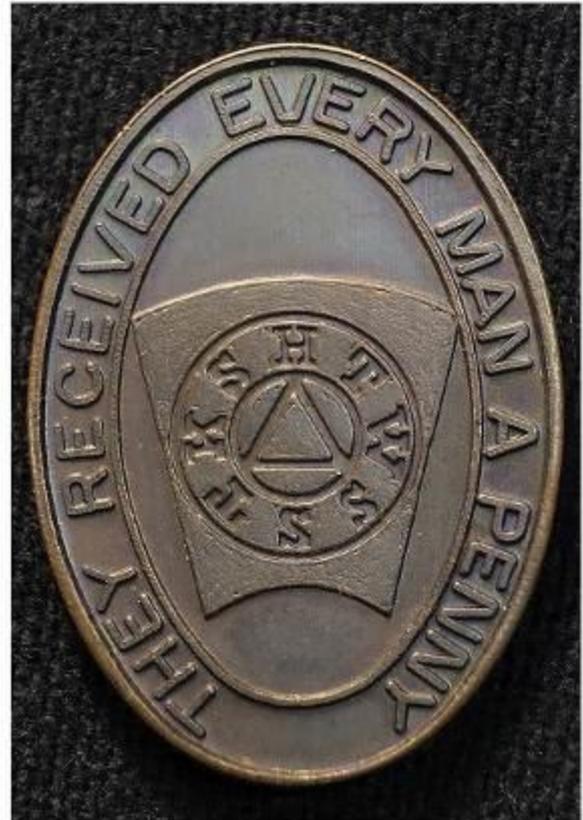
The meeting was covered in the Greenock Telegraph on Thursday 27th January 2000, and a scan from their article of the photograph of the speakers and distinguished guests appears below:-



Back row left to right - M.E.C. Gordon M. Etherington, P.Z. No 17, Hon. P.G.H.; M.E.C. Douglas T. Philand, Grand Director Of Ceremonies; Bro. Henry Tibbles P.M. Scots Lodge (E.C.) L.G.R.; M.E.C. Allan McEwen, Past Second Grand Principal; Bro. Richard Harrison R.W.M. Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68; Bro. Iain Darroch, piper.
Front row left to right - M.E.C. John Robb, Grand Superintendent (Dunbartonshire); M.E.C. John McKee, Grand Superintendent (Renfrewshire); M.E.C. James M. McIntosh, M.E.Z. No. 17; M.E.C. The Rev John K. Clark, M.B.E., Third Grand Principal; Bro. Derek A. Kirkpatrick, R.W.M. No. XII; M.E.C. Grahame J. Smith, Grand Scribe E.

Because Supreme Grand Chapter had agreed to make a donation equalling any amount of money raised for charity in the Provinces for the Millennium, the proceeds of the meeting boosted the Royal Arch Millennium Charity Fund by almost £1000.

To help with the fund raising, and to further mark the event, a special Mark token was struck and available for purchase at the meeting. This was an unusual Mark Token firstly because it is a Royal Arch Mark Token, and secondly it is elliptical rather than the more common circular design, and is pictured below:-



ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
 Constituted January 1789

GREENOCK NUMBER XVII

CHARITY

MILLENNIUM MARK DEGREE

Conferred By

LODGE GREENOCK KILWINNING No. XII



Constituted 1728

**LODGE GREENOCK KILWINNING No. XII
 AND
 GREENOCK ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER No. XVII**

Would like to extend sincere thanks to the following:-

- SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND
- THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND
- PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF RENFREWSHIRE
- PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF RENFREWSHIRE WEST
- LODGE DORIC KILWINNING No. 68

THEIR CO-OPERATION, ENCOURAGEMENT AND ADVICE HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO BRING TOGETHER ALMOST 500 YEARS OF MASONIC HISTORY AND TO STRENGTHEN THE BONDS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN OUR ORDERS



Thanks also to:-

Organiser:- Bro. Iain Darroch Pianist:- Comp. Frank Ward

Wednesday 19th January 2000 at 7pm

Masonic Temple, Brown Street, Port Glasgow
 (By kind permission of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68)

Commemorative Programme
 (Donation for Charity gratefully accepted)

Ceremonial

M.M.M.s enter Lodge
 No. XVII's Office Bearers enter
 Lodge of Mark Masters opened
 Brethren welcomed
 Lodge Deputations enter
 No.XII's Office Bearers enter
 Provincial Grand Lodge(s) enter
 Provincial Grand R.A.C.(s) enter
 Supreme Grand R.A.C. enter
 Gavel passed to Supreme Grand R.A.C.
 Gavel returned
 Lodge entrusted to R.W.M.M. Bro. Derek A. Kirkpatrick
 No. XVII's Office Bearers vacate offices
 Mark Degree conferred
 Mark Token
 Candidate conducted to East
 Gavel returned to R.W.M.M. Bro. James M. McIntosh
 No.XII's Office Bearers vacate offices
 Collection
 Supreme Grand Chapter retires
 Provincial Grand R.A.C.(s) retire
 Provincial Grand Lodge(s) retire
 No. XII's Office Bearers retire
 A.O.C.B.
 Mark Lodge Closed
 No. XVII's Office Bearers and Distinguished Guests retire
 Brethren retire

Toast List

THE QUEEN
 Proposed by M.E.C. James M. McIntosh M.E.Z.

THE SUPREME
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND
 Proposed by M.E.C. Gordon M. Etherington P.Z., Hon. PGH
 Reply by M.E.C. The Rev. John K. Clark M.B.E.,
 3rd Grand Principal
SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND

THE PROVINCIAL
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF RENFREWSHIRE
 Proposed by M.E.C. Duncan G. McConnachie M.E.H.
 Reply by M.E.C. John McKee Grand Superintendent
PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF RENFREWSHIRE

MUSICAL INTERLUDE BY PIPER BRO. IAIN DARROCH
 Great Highland Bagpipe and Shuttle Pipe

THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND
 and
PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES
 Proposed by Bro. Henry Tibbles L.G.R.
 P.M. Scots Lodge No. 231 (E.C.)
 Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII

GREENOCK ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER No.XVII
 Proposed by Bro. Derek A. Kirkpatrick
 R.W.M. LODGE GREENOCK KILWINNING No. XII
 Reply by M.E.C. James M. McIntosh M.E.Z.

A FEW HISTORICAL POINTS...

Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII and Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No.XVII have formed a part of the history of Greenock since the 18th century and, in the ensuing years, many members of both Lodge and Chapter have exerted a powerful influence over the evolution of the area.

Until fairly recently It was almost a tradition that the Shaw - Stewarts, the landlords of the area, joined both No. XII and No. XVII, and several members of that family went on to hold very high positions in Freemasonry.

The area's main industry at the time, shipbuilding, was well represented in Masonic circles and, in 1903, Charles Cunningham Scott and Arthur Caird joined No. XVII. In addition to being brothers of No.XII, they were the owners of two of the biggest shipyards in the area and, over the years, provided employment for many of our members.

Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII was founded in 1728 and it's first R.W.M. was Brother James Gilmour.

The Lodge was represented at Mary's Chapel, Edinburgh, on 30th November 1736, at the institution of Grand Lodge of Scotland, and in 1737, when Archibald Govan was R.W.M., the Lodge's Charter was granted.

Just six years later, Stirling Rock Royal Arch Chapter No.2 was founded, but almost half a century was to elapse before the area had it's own chapter.

Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No. XVII held it's first meeting in January 1789, it's Charter is endorsed to that effect, and probably worked under a warrant issued by the Irish Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

Following the formation of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland in August 1817, Most Noble Commander James Morrison received a Charter, on behalf of Greenock Royal Arch Chapter, and became the Chapter's first M.E.Z. in March 1818.

OFFICE BEARERS 1999/2000

CHAPTER No.XVII

M.E.Z. James M. McIntosh
 M.E.H. Duncan G. McConnachie
 M.E.J. James Wilson
 I.P.Z. Peter T. Tipping
 Dep.Z. Michael A. Reddy
 Scribe E. Gordon M. Etherington
 Scribe N. Douglas C. Warnock
 Treas. Brian R. Walsh
 B. Treas. N. Gary McEachran
 1st Soj. Colin B. Reddy
 2nd Soj. Colin E. West
 3rd Soj. Richard J. Bruce
 S.O.W. Robert Galbraith
 D.O.C. Kenneth M. McCrae
 D.O.M. Craig A. McClure
 Snr. S. John Cunningham
 Jnr. S. Neil Sinclair
 3rd V. Stephen Hamilton
 2nd V. Joseph Gillespie
 1st V. Derek A. Kirkpatrick
 Jew. C. Neil McLaughlin
 Jan. William Kay

LODGE No.XII

R.W.M. Derek A. Kirkpatrick
 I.P.M. Murray Thomson
 Dep. M. Crawford Kirkpatrick
 Sub. M. Ian M. Ross
 W.S.W. David R. Miller
 W.J.W. James Sinclair
 Sec. N. Gary McEachran
 Treas. David Stevenson
 Alm. Angus McDonald
 Chap. Hector Macphail
 S.D. Andrew Young
 J.D. Arthur Young
 I.G. Kenneth McDougall
 Jew. John Cunningham
 Arch. Alexander W. Nesbitt
 D.O.M. Edward McGill
 B.B. Stuart Paterson
 D.O.C. James S. Adams
 S.B. Stephen Hamilton
 Mar. Kenneth McLeod
 Tyler Rodney Beal
 Pr. of S. Christopher Orr
 St. Ian Grant

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 email from Bro Stevenson or speak to him directly.

Come fly with me ...



Bros Bob Bain PM and Allan Glen WSW (photos above) flew across the Clyde last month from the top of the iconic Finnieston Crane to the BBC Headquarters in Glasgow. Their breathtaking act of bravery was in aid of the Province's work to support the work of the Grand Lodge to raise money for the charity Prostate Cancer Scotland. The event was jointly organised by a number of the neighbouring Provinces, including Renfrewshire West. The fund raising effort was tremendous. £100,000 was raised and I have this from the Provincial Grand Master Bro Jim Livingstone.

I would be very grateful if you could circulate to the brethren of the Lodge on your distribution list, my very grateful thanks for the support given by all the Lodges in the Province to today's zip line challenge in aid of Prostate Scotland.

When we first considered this event, we hoped that we could raise a target figure of £35,000. On the day, we presented a cheque for the magnificent total of £100,000 with more still to come. This Province raised over £5,000 of that amount.

I would be glad if you could convey my grateful thanks to the Lodges and individual brethren who contributed so generously to this charity event.

It makes me very proud to be a freemason and to be Provincial Grand Master of this wonderful Province of ours.

(The total raised is now £116,000)

Bro Alex More PM – nearly 56 Years in No XII



Bro Alex More is our senior Past Master having been in the Chair of No XII between 1973 and 1975. He had his 90th birthday recently and the Lodge sent him a card, signed by everyone at a meeting, and a gift for his garden. I went to see Alex with Bros Kenny Morrison PM and Alistair Glennie PM last week. Bro Alistair drove us in quick fashion up to Luncarty in Perthshire where Bro Alex has lived for some time. Previous to that he had been in Killin for a number of years.



When we arrived, we found Bro Alex in great order having been treating his garden furniture in the morning. Bro Alex has a huge garden which he keeps in pristine condition himself. We all benefited from Alex's green fingers to the tune of a big bag of rhubarb! After a wee catch up, Bro Kenny presented Alex with his 50 Year Jubilee Certificate (photo left). It was a bit overdue as he was Initiated on 6th December 1960!

After the presentation, we all went out and had a spot of lunch at Bankfoot. It was great to look back over the years and talk about the 'worthies' that we could remember in the Lodge and in the Greenock area in general.

We also got an insight into Alex's past. Brought up on a croft near Wick, he was very much a son of the land. He was involved heavily in the work of the croft after school each day and in the holidays. Not only was there no electricity on the croft – the drinking water had to be bought from a well some distance away and this one of Alex's jobs.

A clever boy, he was Dux of his primary school and went into the top academic stream in secondary. Sadly he had to drop to the practical group because he was unable to do the required reading and homework by the light of the small paraffin lamp in the croft.

When we asked how he came to Greenock, he told us an interesting tale. He was due to go to the Palestine Police to do his National Service but, because of the changing political situation the Middle East that force was disbanded with the establishment of the independent state of Israel. Alex was then offered a position in the police in Scotland in either the Borders, Glasgow or Greenock. Although he had never been in Greenock he came here because he did not want to serve in either Glasgow or the Borders!

During his time in the Greenock Burgh Police, he studied at college part-time and gained 2 Higher National diplomas. He qualified as a teacher of technical subjects and, eventually, by the time he was 37 had a University degree too. Alex ended his career as a Lecturer in the Education department at the University of Glasgow.

In fact, one of his students (in 1969) was Bro Robert Geddes, now a Past Master of Lodge St John Whiteinch No 683 and a great friend of No XII. Bobby told me that when he was training to be a technical teacher, Alex always made building drawing really interesting by relating it to his own experiences in construction. The amazing thing was that when I said to Alex that a Bro Geddes remembered him as his lecturer, he got his first name and described him accurately ... all at the age of 90 and he had not seen him for over 40 years!

When we were leaving Luncarty after a very pleasant afternoon, Bro Alex assured us that he will try to get down to Greenock in the new session.



Bros Iain White PM,
Alex More PM and
Alistair Glenly PM

Charity Burns Supper 2017

The 2017 Charity Burns Supper will take place in the Town Hall, Greenock on Saturday 25th February. Bro Ian MacPherson MBE, Past Master of Lodge The Prince's No 607 will propose the Immortal Memory and the Toast to the Lassies will be given by or own Past Master, Bro Ian M Ross.

Reports on Visits

- ✠ Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 7th April 2016 (Entering Exemplification) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, SD Bro Paul Galbraith, IG Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Gary Lewis
- ✠ Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 8th April 2016 (Entering) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, SD Bro Paul Galbraith and Bro James Livingstone
- ✠ Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 11th April 2016 (Passing conferred by Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, SD Bro Paul Galbraith, IG Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Fraser Cameron, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM, Bro James Strachan HM and Bro Iain MacLeod HM
- ✠ The Glasgow Star Lodge No 219 on 11th April 2016 (Passing conferred by Lodge Regal No 1422 and Annual Visitation of PGL of Glasgow) – attended by Bro Bob Bain PM
- ✠ Lodge Montefiore No 753 on 11th April 2016 (Mark) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck
- ✠ Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 12th April 2016 (Passing) – attended by Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Livingstone, Bro James Lever HM and Bro James Strachan HM
- ✠ Lodge St Columba Govan No 729 on 12th April 2016 (Mark Degree conferred by The lodge of Erskine No 1566) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck
- ✠ Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 13th April 2016 (Mark Degree and Annual Visitation of PGL Renfrewshire West) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Alistair Glenny PMM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro James Livingstone, Bro David Wilson HM and Bro James Miller HM
- ✠ Lodge Craigends No 1042 on 14th April 2016 (Annual Installation & Masonic Lecture) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Bob Bain PM, Bro Fraser Cameron, Bro Alex Gray, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM, Bro James Lever HM, Bro James Miller HM and Bro James Strachan HM
- ✠ Lodge Montgomerie Skelmorlie No 624 on 15th April 2016 (Mark) – attended by WJW Bro Bob Crossan, SD Bro Paul Galbraith, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Eddie McGill

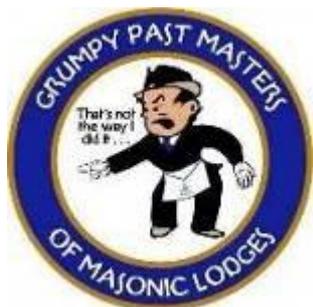
Lapel Badges



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. 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
26.05.16

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