

1. Meetings 2016-17

- * 06.09.16
Passing by No XII
- * 20.09.16
Nomination and Election of
Office Bearers
Passing by Lodge Renfrew
County Kilwinning No 370
- * 04.10.16
Entering
- * 18.10.16
Raising
- * 01.11.16
Annual Meeting and
Passing by The Glasgow
Kilwinning Lodge No 4
- * 15.11.16
Annual Installation
RWM-Elect Bro Allan T
Glen
Installing Masters Bros Iain
White, Kenneth C
MacDougall and Alan D
Beck
- * 06.12.16
Annual Divine Service
Bro John C Glenny PM



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 Tuesday 15th November Annual Installation of Office Bearers

The 289th Installation of Office bearers will take place on Tuesday. There is an earlier start of 6.15pm to allow for the Installation and subsequent dinner to take place in good time. Bro Allan T Glen our Senior Warden is RWM-elect and he will be installed by Bros. Iain White, Ken MacDougall and Alan Beck, all PMs of No XII. Our close connections with the local council over almost 300 years will be recognised by the presence of Deputy Provost Bro David Wilson at the meeting and Dinner thereafter. He will address the Brethren at the Dinner. David is, of course, an Honorary Member of No XII. No XII's close links with the Shaw Stewart family of Ardgowan see Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart 12th Bart joining us at the Installation Dinner and he will reply to the Toast to The House of Ardgowan. This will be delivered by Bro Alan D Beck PM. All Brethren are welcome to attend the Dinner which is complimentary. Excellent fare is guaranteed as it will be supplied by our President of Stewards, Bro Tony Buckley.

No XII Monthly Draw

Treasurer Bro David Stevenson tells me that the 2017 Monthly Draw will start in January but payment will be accepted from now on.

Number(s) are available at £1 per number per month and there is no limit to the number and each entrant can have as many as they like! Payment can be made (1) by cash to Bro David (2) by cheque made payable to Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII - Social Fund (3) by internet banking to Bank RBS Sort Code 83-22-20 Account Number 10000509 as a one off payment in multiples of £12 with the entrants name shown in the payment reference box or (4) by standing order to same bank details as above for your chosen monthly amount.

Where possible Bro David will use the same numbers as in previous years unless asked otherwise

Test and Capitation Fees

Test Fees are now due and £40 should be paid either by any of the means above. Capitation Fees are £30 for Life Members (at their discretion). These may be paid by any of the means stated above for the Monthly Draw. Please note that the payment is to a different account if you are doing it online – 10000495. All other bank details are the same.

XII Lodge Diaries

Bespoke Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII diaries are available from Treasurer Bo David Stevenson. Especially suitable for those who think that smart phones are stupid, and traditionalists who have a hankering for a return to the good old days when the world was black and white, they are priced at just £5. For the technocrats amongst us, the diary allows the forthcoming visits to be noted during the meeting without running the risk of accidentally switching your phone off silent mode and the consequent potential for acute embarrassment when it rings. Whatever way you look at it, the No XII Diary is a product not to be missed!

Lest We Forget Remembrance Service at the Well Park, Greenock Sunday 13th November



RWM Bro Allan I MacFeate laid a wreath at the Remembrance Service in the Well Park on behalf of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII. He was supported at the ceremony by Bros Iain White PM, Allan D Beck PM, David Stevenson, Alex Gray and Allan Jess. Bro Malcolm Sinclair of Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 also laid a wreath.

Despite the dreich, damp Scottish weather, there was a very large turn out of people from local organisations and members of the general public there to pay their respects to those who have served and citizens who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Of course, No XII lost 10 brethren in the Great War – Bros. George W Campbell, James Hannah, Henry Hay, Arthur Johnstone, Duncan MacFarlane, David RF Mackail, Alexander N Russell, Joshua H Sanders, James Ritchie Smith and Archibald L Barr - and their names are engraved on the Lodge Memorial Altar.



RWMs Allan MacFeate and Malcolm Sinclair



A New RWM for No XII

This article and photograph were submitted to the Greenock Telegraph



On Tuesday November 15th, Freemasons from within and outwith the Province of Renfrewshire West will gather in Greenock Town Hall to attend the 289th Annual Installation of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII. They will witness the installation of Bro Allan T Glen as Right Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Bro Glen succeeds Bro Allan I MacFeate who has held the post of RWM for the last two years.

This very prestigious lodge, which boasts peers and knights of the realm amongst its past senior office bearers, is the oldest in the province and one of the oldest in the world. Instituted in 1728, the lodge was represented at Mary's Chapel, Edinburgh at the institution of The Grand Lodge of Scotland on November 30th 1736. It is, in fact, the oldest organisation in Inverclyde.

In being elected Right Worshipful Master, Bro Glen will follow in a long line of distinguished citizens who have previously held this office and he is very much looking forward to the challenge it represents. During his term of office Bro Glen aims to continue the growth of the Lodge, further enhance its involvement in the community, continue its significant charitable work and support sister lodges in Scotland and beyond.

He and his officer bearers will be installed by Bros. Iain White, Alan D Beck and Kenneth C McDougall, all Past Masters of No XII.

A native of Lanarkshire, Bro Glen moved to Boston to study at the prestigious Berklee College of Music after graduating from the University of Strathclyde. An accomplished and highly sought after saxophonist, Bro Glen has toured extensively in Europe and America working with many different ensembles and artists.

Bro Glen is currently a member of the music faculty at Edinburgh College, teaching composition, orchestration and film scoring. He is also the Musical Director of the Edinburgh College Big Band. He also teaches saxophone at Newcastle University and previously taught at the University of Strathclyde.

A keen golfer, Bro Glen is a member of East Kilbride Golf Club and hopes to one day get his handicap down to scratch.

Previous Meeting
Tuesday 1st November
Passing by Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge No 4

The Lodge was busy with 27 members of No XII in attendance and 13 apologies submitted on behalf of absent Brethren. The No XII members were joined by three Deputations in turn: a deputation of 20 Visiting Brethren from within and outwith the Province, headed by Bro William Lawson, RWM of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68, who was invited to the East. RWM Bro Allan MacFeate then invited all reigning Masters and Past Masters to the East. 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. In addition, Bro Malcolm Sinclair, the RWM Elect of Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 was also invited to the East along with our own Honorary member, Bro Tony Stewart, RWM-elect of Lodge The Prince's No 607; a fine deputation of 9 Brethren from Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge No 4, headed by their RWM Bro David Vennard, who was invited to the East along with the Past Masters of No 4; a deputation of 5 Brethren from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West, headed by the Provincial Grand Master Bro James P. Livingstone, who was invited to the East.

This was a momentous evening because, as far as we are aware, it was the first time that Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge No 4 had come to No XII to work a degree. The James S Adams Memorial Gavel was passed to No XII's good friend RWM Bro David Vennard and he and his office Bearers assumed control of the Lodge and conferred an excellent Passing Ceremony. The ritual work was not, in fact, too dissimilar to that of No XII. On a personal note, I spoke to Bro Jon McGregor to congratulate him on his contribution as Conferring Master. It was awe- inspiring! Our Candidate, Bro Andrew Muir, was privileged to receive his Second Degree from such expert craftsmen.

It is to be hoped that this memorable evening further cements the developing links between the two Lodges.



RWM Bro David Vennard of Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge No 4 receiving a memento to mark the Conferring of a Passing from RWM Bro Allan I MacFeate

Old No XII Apron presented

Also at the meeting on 1st November, Bro Bill Knox of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock 626 presented a No XII apron that had been owned and regularly worn by his grandfather Bro Andrew Forrest MacPherson. RWM Bro Allan I MacFeate came from the East to receive the apron from Bro Knox and thanked him for giving it to No XII.

Honorary Membership for Neil

Bro Neil McLachlan Johnston, of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626, was completely taken aback when he was called to the Centre of the floor and told that he had been proposed for Honorary Membership of No XII in recognition of his extremely regular attendance at our Lodge meetings. Having overcome his surprise, he took the Obligation he was received enthusiastically and warmly and expressed his thanks to the Brethren. Bro Neil promised to continue to support No XII. Bro Neil is seen below flanked on his right by RWM Bro Allan I MacFeate and his left by RWPGM Bro James P Livingstone who, of course, is of slightly more than passing acquaintance to him!



Honour for Tony as he becomes RWM

Our Honorary Member, and maker of exquisite shortbread, Bro Tony Stewart was placed in the Chair of King Solomon on Monday 7th November when he became RWM of Lodge The Prince's in Glasgow. In taking the Chair, he follows Bro Alan Beck, our own IPM, who was one of his Installing Masters. The others were well kent faces in No XII, Bros Bobby Shae and Ian A MacPherson MBE both Past Masters of The Prince's. I hope to have a photo for our next edition. In passing, I wonder how often someone is IPM in two Lodges at the same time as Bro Alan is, albeit briefly?

From the old Minute Books of No XII

These days, we are used to the outgoing RWM receiving an apron, gauntlets and Past Master's jewel from the brethren of the Lodge as a token of appreciation. It was not always that way, as a read at the minute excerpts below show when it took 3 meetings to grant the IPM a wee present in 1913!

Thursday 27th March 1913

Bro RC Smith, RW Master, in the Chair

At a meeting of the Executive held in the adjacent

Bro John T Park IPM

It was proposed that the services rendered to the Lodge by Bro John T Park IPM should be recognised in a tangible form, and it was suggested that for this purpose the sum of £5 should be voted from the Lodge funds.

Tuesday 1st April 1913

Bro RC Smith, RW Master, in the Chair

Proposed Presentation to Bro John T Park IPM

The RW Master also stated that at the same meeting it was proposed that the services rendered to the Lodge by Bro John T park IP Master showed be recognised in a tangible form, and, it was suggested that for this purpose the sum of Five Guineas should be taken from the Lodge funds.

It was moved and seconded by Bros Dan M Watson and John S MacPherson that this suggestion should be carried out.

Thursday 29th May1913

Bro RC Smith, RW Master, in the Chair

Presentation to Bro John T Park IPM

Thereafter, the Lodge was reduced to the EA Degree and the brethren called from Labour to Harmony. The RW Master having resumed his Chair, and after the usual toasts had been responded to, he, in appropriate speech, referred to the esteem in which Bro John T park was held by the members of the Lodge and, in their name, presented him with an Afternoon Tea Service.

Bro Park acknowledged the gift in suitable terms and spoke of the pleasure it gave him to do any service for his Mother Lodge.

The way we were

The photo this time is of RWM Bro Hector Macphail, his Past Masters and Office bearers on the occasion of his Installation in November 1991. See how many faces you recognise and remember before looking at the legend below the photo!

Note also that Bro Hector is sitting on the old Master's Chair that we lost in a theft from the Town Hall. It was replaced by the big Ecclesiastical Chair that we now use.



Front from Left: Bros John Adamson PM Murray Thomson JD Ian M Ross WSW Hector Macphail RWM James S Adams WJW Robert J Bain JD RJ Drainer Jnr PM

Middle from Left: Bros Iain White PM John C Glenny PM H Campbell Barr PM Wilson J McCulloch PM KK Morrison PM Philip Robertson Norman Gray Crawford Kirkpatrick

Rear from Left: Henry S Tibbles PM 2319 (EC) James McGregor Rodnet Beal Allan M Goodall Alan Knox David R Miller

Charity Burns Supper 2017

No XII is able to make significant Charitable Donations each year because of the efforts of the brethren. Much of the funding is raised at the Charity Burns Supper. In 2017, it 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 20th October 2016 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Alex Gray, Bro James Livingstone and Bro David Wilson HM
- Lodge St Thomas Larkhall No 306 on 22nd October 2016 (Exemplification of the Fellowcraft Degree by the Reigning Masters of Lanarkshire Middle Ward) – attended by WSW Bro Allan Glen and IPM Bro Alan Beck
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 24th October 2016 (Passing) – attended by Bro Bob Bain PM, Bro Martin Anderson, Bro Alex Johnson and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Lodge Pollok, Pollokshields No 772 on 25th October 2016 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro Campbell Snoddy, Bro James Livingstone and Bro Tony Stewart HM
- Grand Lodge of Scotland on 27th October 2016 (Regular Communication) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WSW Bro Allan Glen, SM Bro Alexander Galbraith, Bro James Livingstone and Bro Fraser Cameron
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 28th October 2016 (Annual Installation) – attended by WSW Bro Allan Glen, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Paul Stevenson, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alistair Glenly PM and Bro James Livingstone
- Greenock Wanderers RFC on 29th October 2016 (Sponsor's Day) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate
- Lodge Greenock St. John's No 175 on 30th October 2016 (Annual Divine Service) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, SM Bro Alexander Galbraith and Bro James Miller HM
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 31st October 2016 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro Alex Johnson, Bro James Livingstone and Bro Iain MacLeod HM

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
13.11.16

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