

1. Meetings 2016-17

* 17.01.17

Visitation by The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 and
Lecture by Bro Iain
McPhee PM

* 07.02.17

Entering

* 21.02.17

Raising

* 07.03.17

Passing and Provincial
Visitation

* 21.03.17

Raising

* 04.04.16

Passing

*18.04.17

Mark

Thursday 01.06.17

Summer Meeting
Entering by Past Masters

Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII
The Saloon of the Town Hall, Greenock
Regular Meetings – 7.30pm 1st and 3rd Tuesdays – September to April
Summer Meeting – 1st Thursday in June

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Next Meeting
Tuesday 7th February
Entering

Previous Meeting
Tuesday 17th January

On Tuesday it's the first of our degree meetings of 2017. The entering will be conferred by the Brethren of No XII. The floor workers are **Prayer** Bro Alistair Glenny PM **Obligation** RWM Bro Allan T Glen **Secrets** Bro Iain White PM **Apron** Bro J Robert Crossan WSW **NEC** Bro Robert Marshall **Working Tools** Bro David Martin IG **Charge** Bro Kenneth C MacDougall PM.

Typos and Corrections

It has been very helpful that Bros Bob Bain PM and Brian McFadyen WJW have pointed out errors to me in the last two issues. In both cases it was a date that I got wrong or mistyped. I have changed the dates now in the master copies.

The reason that it is so important is that *Twelve Talk*, like the Lodge Minutes, is becoming a historical document. Our plan is for me to print them all out and then we'll get them bound, just like we do with the minutes. So the information needs to be accurate!

The Lodge numbers were swelled by two large and influential deputations at the last regular meeting. Firstly we had RWPGM Bro James P Livingstone and a deputation of his Office Bearers and they received the customary warm welcome. Then RWM Bro Allan Glen welcomed a deputation of 15 Brethren from The Lodge of Erskine No 1566, headed by their RWM Bro Iain C. Morrison who was invited to the East along with the Past Masters of the Lodge. After the RWM had presented the James S. Adams memorial gavel to RWM Bro Iain C. Morrison, who received it with pleasure, the offices of No XII were vacated in favour of the office bearers of No 1566. The purpose of the visitation was the delivery of a Lecture. Bro Iain McPhee, Past Master of No 1566, and SPGM of the Province of Renfrewshire East, delivered the Lecture on the history and ritual of No 1566. It was most interesting and informative and was well received by the Brethren assembled.

It was very pleasing to see further evidence of the growing relationship between No XII and The Lodge of Erskine. The catalyst for this of course was our WJW Bro Brian McFadyen, who was RWM in The Lodge of Erskine in 2014-15.



Monthly Draw

Treasurer Bro David Stevenson tells me that the 2017 Monthly Draw is about to start and payment is now being accepted. He is keen that we support this handy fund raiser that is a great help with the day-to-day running costs of the Lodge

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.

The lucky winners in 2017 were

January	Paul Stevenson
February	Gary Lewis
March	Iain White
April	Andrew Winter (Crawford's Grandson)
May	Kenny Morrison
June	Paul Stevenson
July	Crawford Kirkpatrick
August	Alistair Glenny
September	Bob Crossan
October	Kenny Morrison
November	Norrie Frizzell
December	James McGregor Jnr

The prizes in June and December were £50 with the remainder being £15. The overall surplus for the Lodge was £278. Obviously the more folk who are in, the more benefit to No XII. Remember, Like Bro Crawford you can but a ticket for you family members too!

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.

No XII 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. RWM Bro Allan T Glen will Chair and MC the event. **Prizes are needed** for the raffle and auction. Book your place with Bros Alan beck or Iain White. You can reserve a table or smaller numbers of tickets.

VISIT TO DEWAN FREEMASON PENANG MALAYSIA

Penang Masonic Temple
Jalan Utama (Western Road)
Georgetown
Penang

From Bro Alistair Glenny PM

Once more I am pleased to be able to report on my recent visit to Penang, and to highlight the continuing work on the Masonic Hall (Dewan Freemason) where all Masonic business in Penang takes place.

As you will see from the photograph, the Temple illustrates the efforts at the hands of many craftsmen in creating such a superb environment for local & visiting Brethren of all branches of Freemasonry. Well done to all.

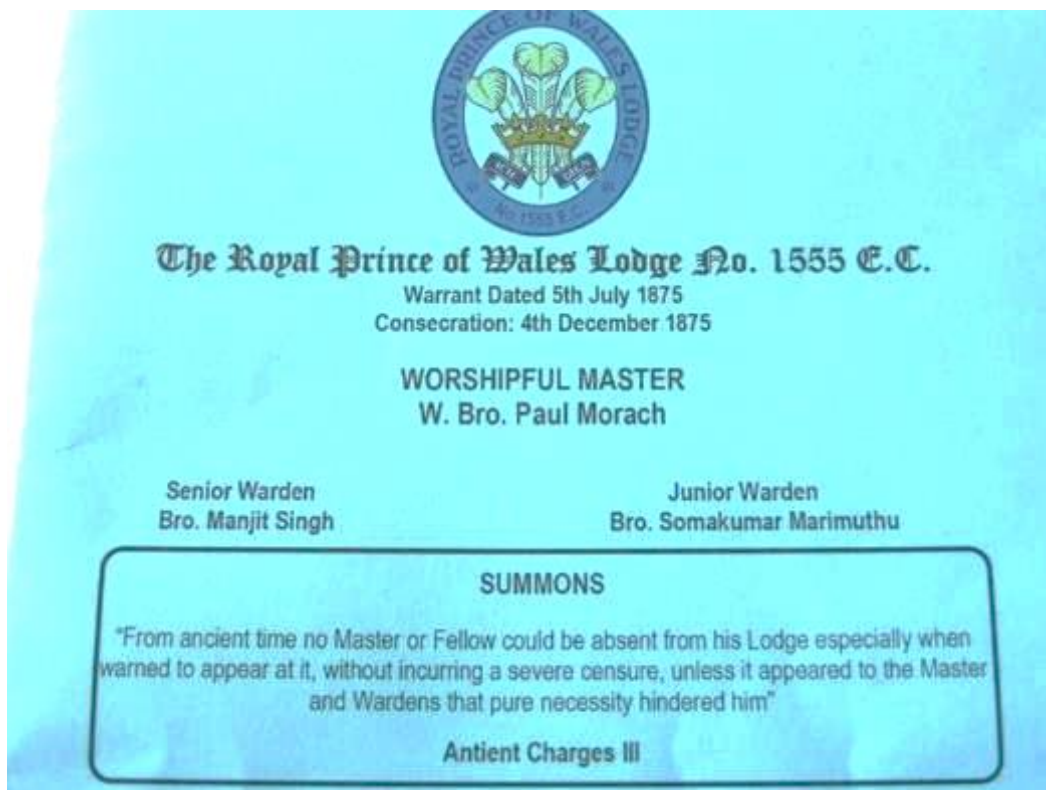


The curtains adorn the Main Temple alongside the wall lights and chandeliers, highlighting the arched ceiling revealed during renovations. In the adjacent there is a smaller Temple equally refurbished, an ideal location to facilitate meetings of smaller numbers. The downstairs Hall, again refurbished, whilst not in use for Masonic duties such as Festive Boards etc., is used by the community at large.

To enable easy access from Ground level to the Temple on the Floor above a Lift has been installed. As can be seen guidance can be obtained as in Freemasonry in general by the observing of the "G"



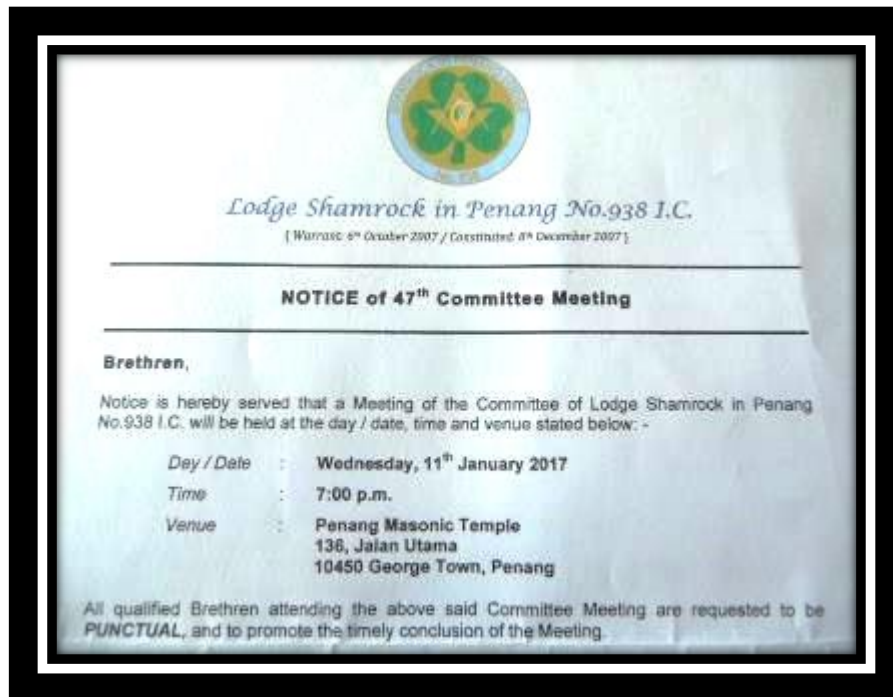
I was able whilst there in Penang to present a token of our Best Wishes with an apt glass trophy showing a handshake. Many hands were used in the building renovation and this gift was well received by the Brethren of Lodge Scotia 1003 by PM Albert Lai from the brethren in Number XII.



The Royal Prince of Wales Lodge No 1555 EC. Is within The District Grand Lodge of The Eastern Archipelago, and in accordance with the Summons I attended on Wednesday 4th January 2017. English Constitution, practised by a Lodge in Malaysia under the leadership of a Swiss R W M.

The Lodge performed a Third Degree on candidate Brother Sivabalan Munusamy who was initiated on April 1st 2015, passed on 4th November 2015. The degree work was of an exceptional standard and the format was very similar to a Raising carried out in Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No x11.

Fraternal greetings were exchanged, and once more it was a pleasure to renew my friendships.



Whilst Lodge Shamrock in Penang No 938 I.C. had no meeting in January, an invitation was extended to attend a committee meeting chaired by the RWM W.Bro Parameshwaran Kassipillai, and how interesting it was to be reminded that Freemasonry is universal as are its issues and challenges

AND OF COURSE AS USUAL IN PENANG ONE IS CONSTANTLY REMINDED OF WHO WAS THERE FIRST!



The way we were – 1986 A Visit to Grand Lodge

The year is 1986 and it is the 250th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The photo below shows the deputation from No XII (and 1 guest) in attendance that day at the celebrations held at the Ingliston Show Ground outside Edinburgh.



From left: Bros Sandy Macphail Andrew Hoey E. Graham Hamilton Iain White WSW James S Adams H Campbell Barr RWM Hector Macphail WJW Harry White (Iain's Dad and a member of 175) Robert J Bain Derek Little (Sadly Bros Hoey, Hamilton, Adams and Harry White are all now in the Grand Lodge Above)

Although it is 31 years since the day, I still have vivid and rich memories of it because it made such a deep impression on me. We travelled through in one of Peter Harte's mini buses. It was a gorgeous day and we stopped at an Inn in Ratho, close to the venue, for a little refreshment prior to completing our journey. As you would expect from a Grand Lodge event, there was a great sense of occasion and ceremony. As we drove into the Show Grounds, traffic was being directed by members of the Corps of Commissionaires. As ever they were resplendent in their uniforms with the white topped hats and white gloves. On this special day, the finish touch was that all were members of the Craft and dressed in their Lodge aprons.

The Ceremony had the hallmarks of quality, dignity and decorum. The famous Scottish baritone Bill McCue sang wonderfully after we had enjoyed a delicious meal. We had a most enjoyable time sitting with Brethren from Nigeria whose large numbers on the day were a sight to behold. It was a day to remember.

Following the event, RWM Bro H Campbell Barr donated his 250th Anniversary jewel to the Lodge and it is worn to this day by the RWM.

From the old Minute Books of No XII

There has been much discussion about the Lodge carpet in General Committee meetings and Bro Alistair Glenn PM has taken its refurbishment on as a project. He is in touch with restoration specialists in Glasgow and, all going to plan, it will be attended to in the close session.

The carpet has a significant history in the Lodge as you will see from the Minute Book extract below.

Tuesday 29th April 1902

Bro Wm. Gray RWM, in the Chair

Note to the Foregoing Minute

Before closing the Lodge, the RWM called the attention of the Brethren to the Tessellated Carpet which had been placed on the floor of the Lodge Room this evening and he said that it was the joint gift of Bros. RL Scott and Capt. Playfair.

The Brethren signified their hearty appreciation of the kindness of the Brethren named, and on the motion of the RWM, it was agreed to minute the cordial thanks of the Lodge.

Bro RL Scott is, of course one of our most celebrated members and his friend, Captain Playfair, figures large in the Lodge minutes in the early part of the 20th Century.

Reports on Visits

- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 14th December 2016 (Entering Exemplification) – attended by WSW Bro Bob Crossan, SD Bro Paul Stevenson and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 19th December 2016 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen, WSW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Iain White PM, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro James Livingstone
- Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 20th December 2016 (Lecture by Bro Iain White PM and Carol Harmony) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen, WJW Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Iain White PM, Bro Bob Bain PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro David Stevenson, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Dougie Rankin
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 5th January 2017 (Entering Exemplification) – attended by WSW Bro Bob Crossan, WJW Bro Brian McFadyen, SD Bro Paul Stevenson and Bro Alan Beck PM
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 9th January 2017 (Passing) – attended by WSW Bro Bob Crossan and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 10th January 2017 (Passing & AV by PGLRW) – attended by WSW Bro Bob Crossan, SD Bro Paul Stevenson, JD Bro Campbell Snoddy, IPM Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Iain White PM and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 11th January 2017 (Entering) – attended by Bro Alan Beck PM and Bro James Livingstone
- Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning Skelmorlie No 624 on 13th January 2017 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen, WSW Bro Bob Crossan, WJW Bro Brian McFadyen, SD Bro Paul Stevenson, IPM Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Bob Bain PM, Bro Allan Jess, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Dougie Rankin, Bro Tony Stewart HM, Bro James Strachan HM and Bro Neil Johnston HM.

On all occasions Fraternal Greetings were exchanged.

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 treasurno12@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
05.02.17

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