

## Meetings 2011-12

\* 06.09.11  
Passing exemplification

\* 20.09.11  
Nomination and Election of  
RWM and Homecoming  
Curry evening; No XII  
members only

\* 04.10.11  
Entering: Pipers' Degree by  
Lodge The Gael No 609  
(Glasgow)

\* 18.10.11  
Nomination and Election of  
Office Bearers; Passing

\* 01.11.11  
Raising

\* 15.11.11  
Annual Meeting and  
Installation of Office  
Bearers at 645pm



**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**

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## The old days are back!

### The Pipers' Degree by Lodge The Gael

The long awaited visit by our friends from Lodge The Gael No 609 in the Province of Glasgow came around at last on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. It had been months in the planning. From 7pm onwards, brethren arriving at the Town Hall were met by Bro Iain White PM, in his full regalia, piping them in from Cathcart Square. The scene was thus set. By the time the mini bus with the brethren of Lodge The Gael arrived around 720 it was obvious that there was going to be a big crowd at the meeting. The Town Hall vestibule was filled with the buzz of anticipation, generated by brethren from provinces all over the West of Scotland and there was a real splash of colour from all the regalia. The reason for the big turn out was, of course, the fact that the unique First

Degree would be conferred by the pipers of Lodge The Gael. The brethren outwith the deputation took their places in the Lodge and the preliminary business was discharged. Nothing then remained but that deputation should enter, and enter it did, led majestically by 11 pipers playing *The Green Hills of Tyrol*. Bro Iain White PM had the honour of playing in with the pipers and then introducing RWM Bro William Bryce and his deputation. Assisting Bro Bryce were 7 brethren from Lodge Shalom, also in the province of Glasgow including their RWM Bro David Black. After RWM Bro Arthur Young had welcomed RWM Bro Bill and the deputation, Bro Bill went to the East and received the gavel and took charge of the Lodge. When offices were vacated, RWM Bro Bill then asked Pipe

Major Keith Bowes Snr PM to take charge of proceedings. All of the floor work was done by the pipers and the pipes featured in the ceremonial. It was a most atmospheric degree conferred in splendid fashion by the pipers. At the end of the meeting, RWM Bro Bill Bryce and pipers Bro Hamish McLachlan PM, Bro Keith Bowes Snr PM and Bro Donnie Finlayson PM were all surprised, and delighted, to receive Honorary Membership of No XII with the Obligation being conferred by Bro Iain White PM. After the meeting, the brethren met in harmony and pipes were played, songs were sung in Gaelic and English and poems recited.

105 brethren signed the Sederunt Book so it was a big crowd and it included a number of brethren of No XII who had not been in the Lodge for quite a time.

One of the brethren of No XII observed at the end of the night, 'That was like the old days' and indeed it was!

**Iain White PM**

### Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October

The Nomination and Election of the remaining Office Bearers will take place on Tuesday followed by an exemplification of a Passing by the brethren of No XII. Visitors are most welcome for the degree part of the evening. This should be the last exemplification for a while as we shall have 'live' candidates from the raising on 1<sup>st</sup> November.





**The Pipers:** Bro Gareth Gardner Pipe Major Bro Keith Bowes Snr PM Bro Donnie Finlayson PM Bro Alasdair Beaton Bro Iain White PM (XII) Bro Craig McInnes Bro Donald Iain Finlayson PM Bro Douglas Bryce Bro Alasdair Henderson (1435) Bro Keith Bowes Jr Bro Hamish McLachlan PM



**The new Honorary Members:** Bro Iain White PM XII (Obligation) Pipe Major Bro Keith Bowes Snr PM Bro Donald Finlayson PM RWM Bro Arthur Young XII RWM Bro Bill Bryce RWM Bro Hamish McLachlan PM





**The Reigning Masters:** Bro Ross Nugent (The Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814) Bro Tommy Trotter (Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626) Bro William Fraser (Lodge St John's Whiteinch No 683) Bro David Black (Lodge Shalom No 1600) Bro Arthur Young (Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII) Bro Bill Bryce (Lodge The Gael No 609) Bro John Falconer (Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217) Bro Eddie Ross (Lodge Greenock St John's No 175)

### **No XII - The Annual Installation Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 645pm**

Bro Bob Bain PM will be installed into the Chair of King Solomon. The Installing Masters are Bro Ken McDougall PM, Bro Jim Adams PM and Bro Iain White PM. All brethren of No XII and visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend. The whole Installation Ceremony will take place in the Saloon. There will be a complimentary dinner in the Town Hall after the ceremony.

It is hoped that as many brethren as possible will attend on the evening and stay behind to enjoy our hospitality at the dinner.

### **Charity Drive**

The Charity Drive proposed by the Lodge Development Sub Committee has begun and over £100 was raised at the Pipers' Degree.

### **Burns Supper**

The No XII Burns Supper will be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February in the Saloon of the Town Hall. Bro Alan Beck will be sending details of the speakers, performers and tickets to you all soon! The Burns Supper is in aid of the Charity Drive.