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## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays – September to April**  
**Summer Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in June**

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Treasurer Bro David Stevenson 5 Broomberry Drive Gourrock PA19 1JY (07887904910)

## Bro Arthur Young PM

We were saddened to hear that Bro Arthur Young had passed to the Grand Lodge above on 14<sup>th</sup> March in Dunoon. He was RWM of No XII between 2005 and 2007 and again from 2009 and 2011. His funeral service is on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 10.00am in the Senior Citizens Hall, 3 Alfred Street, Dunoon PA23 7QU (where the Cowal Baptist Church meets). The funeral service will be followed by a burial at Kilmun Cemetery.

## Bro Ivan Cyril Scott PM

We were also sad to hear that Bro Ivan Cyril Scott had passed to the Grand Lodge Above on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at Inverclyde Royal Hospital. Bro Ivan was RWM of his Mother Lodge, Shamrock No 712 (IC), in Hong Kong in 1970-71 and an office bearer in No XII for some years. The funeral service for Ivan will be held in the Saloon of the Town Hall on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 2pm and thereafter there will be purvey in the Tontine Hotel. Obituaries for our dear, departed brethren will appear in the next issue.

## Our Next Meeting Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Raising

The Degree Team for the Raising on Tuesday is **Prayer** Bro KK Morrison PM **Obligation** RWM Bro Allan T Glen **Retrospect** Bro Brian McFadyen WJW PM **Raising** Bro Alan D Beck PM **Reading** Bro KK Morrison PM **Secrets** Bro Alistair Gleny PM **Apron** Bro J Robert Crossan WSW **Working Tools** Bro Robert Marshall **Traditional History** Bro Kenneth C MacDougall PM **Charge** Bro David Stevenson Treas. Bro Bob Bain PM will stand in as Senior Deacon.

## Provincial Masonic Ball

The Provincial Ball will be held in the Town Hall on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May. I have this from Bro Alan D Beck PM. *'Now that the Burns Supper is over, I am turning my attention to the PGL Summer Ball. I have 50 tickets priced at a sensational £25 each for Bro Tony Buckley's terrific 3- course meal, including a glass of fizz, and dancing to the fabulous Capitol Big band till midnight. This black tie event is for masons and wives/partners only and is the premier Masonic Ball in Scotland I need to get numbers to the RWPGM soon so please let me know if you can come – don't miss it if at all possible and remember that it is not just for Masons from this Province.'*

## **Our Previous Meeting Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Passing**

It was Annual Visitation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West. The Lodge opened at 7.15pm. RWM Bro Allan T Glen welcomed visiting brethren and RWMs Bro Edward Ross of Lodge Greenock St. John's No 175, Bro Nicholas Stetz of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626, Bro Malcolm Sinclair of Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 and Bro James Cannon of Lodge Montgomery Kilwinning Skelmorlie No 624 joined him in the East. A Deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West was introduced, led by IPPGM Bro James W Miller. After he had received the Gavel and taken charge of the Lodge, very positive and complimentary reports were heard about the administrative and financial workings of the Lodge and a clear minute was given. Our Secretary, Bro Kenneth C MacDougall PM and Treasurer Bro David Stevenson are to be congratulated on the very professional way that they discharge their duties.

The Degree Team for the Passing was **Prayer** Bro Robert J Bain PM Chaplain **Obligation** RWM Bro Allan T Glen **Secrets** Bro Alan D Beck PM **Apron** Bro J Robert Crossan WSW **Working Tools** Bro David Stevenson Treas **Tracing Board** Bro Iain White PM **Charge** Bro Robert J Bain PM Chaplain. Bro Mark Stewart was passed to the Second Degree.

Before the deputation retired, a cheque for £100 was presented to IPPGM Bro James W Miller to further support work in the Province.

### **Monthly Draw**

The 2017 Monthly Draw has started and payment is now being accepted. Treasurer Bro David Stevenson 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.

January 2017 was won by Bro Iain White and the February draw was won by Mark Stewart who had his number drawn on the evening that he had his Passing!.

### **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.

**Visit to Lodge Shalom No 1600  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
Conferring The Raising**



**The No XII Deputation at Lodge Shalom**  
**Back: Bros Robert Marshall, David Stevenson, Alan D Beck PM, Iain White PM, David Martin**  
**Front: Alistair Glenny PM, Kenneth K Morrison PM, J Robert Crossan WSW, Allan T Glen RWM, Brian McFadyen WJW**

RWM Bro Allan T Glen took a deputation from No XII to the Neptune Masonic Centre in Clifford Street in the shadow of Ibrox Stadium to confer the Raising at Lodge Shalom. As ever, we were all made very welcome and the degree team did a fine job. It was an exemplification, but important nonetheless as we gave support to RWM Bro Ronson Slater and the brethren of Lodge Shalom.

The degree team was **Prayer** Bro Alistair Glenny PM **Obligation** RWM Bro Allan T Glen **Retrospect** Bro Brian McFadyen WJW PM **Raising** Bro Alan D Beck PM **Reading** Bro KK Morrison PM **Secrets** Bro Iain White PM **Apron** Bro J Robert Crossan WSW **Working Tools** Bro Bro J Robert Crossan WSW **Traditional History** Bro Kenneth C MacDougall PM **Charge** Bro David Stevenson Treas.

After the meeting, we enjoyed some hospitality at Harmony with the brethren of Lodge Shalom and participated in their fine raffle. It was a pleasure to be with our friends at Lodge Shalom again.



## Honorary Membership of The Prince's for our WSW



It was a great honour for our Worshipful Senior Warden Bro Bob Crossan to receive Honorary Membership of The Princes Lodge No 607 on 6th Feb 2017.

Right Worshipful Master Bro Tony Stewart (HM of No XII) bestowed this great honour on Bro Bob for his help in creating the artwork for The Princes Lodge No 607 coat of arms which is now used in all their correspondence and was also used to create the magnificent laser etched part of their new lectern



## From the old Minute Books of No XII

*The Masonic Ball for the Province will be on us soon and No XII will have its usual good attendance on the evening. Some of us can remember the days in the 1970s to 1990s when No XII would hold its own Dinner Dance in places like The Queen's Hotel (Gourock), the Tontine Hotel and the Co-operative Hall in Roxburgh Street. The Tontine remains but the Queen's and the Co-op Hall are long gone, the former lying empty having been a Care Home and the latter, having run as Baxter's Catering for a while after the demise of the Greenock Co-operative Society, now being a carpet and floor coverings emporium. These were cheery nights.*

*Back at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, No XII held its own Ball from time to time as the Minute extracts below demonstrate.*

### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 1907**

Bro RL Scott, RW Master, in the Chair

Ball arranged for

Bro L McMillan moved the motion standing in his name to the effect that 'A Ball be given under the auspices of the Lodge.' Bro JD McFarlane seconded. The previous question was moved by Bro Park and seconded by Bro JG Graham. A show of hands was taken and the Motion was declared carried.

Ball Committee

A ball committee was appointed consisting of the RWM and Office Bearers, with the following additional names: Bros Wm Gray, Jas Barbour, D Orr, Robt. Smith, L McMillan., Wm M Campbell, D Liddell and Geo. Allan.

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 1907**

At a Meeting of the Ball Committee held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 1907 at the close of the Lodge Meeting

RWM Bro RL Scott occupied the Chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved of. The Secretary reported that the 18<sup>th</sup> February next was available for the Town Hall and it was agreed to fix the Dance for that date..

Bro Mackail submitted quotations for the supply of a Band. After consideration of these, it was agreed, by a majority, to engage the Murchie family and Bro Mackail was instructed to secure certain changes in the proposed composition of the Band and, if possible, to limit the cost to a sum of £10.

Bro Brown submitted offers for the supply of Refreshments. These were carefully compared and, after discussion of their merits, it was finally resolved to accept Service's offer at 1s 8d per head.

### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 1908**

At a Meeting of the Ball Committee held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 1908 after the Lodge Meeting

RWM Bro RL Scott occupied the Chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved of subject to alteration in the Purveyor's price to 1s 8d per head.

The Secretary reported that he had applied to the Provincial Grand Secretary for the Patronage of Provincial Grand Lodge which has been granted. He also reported that of the offers received for Printing, that of W Hutchison, of £2 15/-, being the lowest was accepted.

Bro Mackail reported that he had succeeded in engaging the Murchie Family Orchestra, for the sum of £10.

It was remitted to the refreshments Committee to arrange for the providing of liquid refreshments, for sale in a suitable room.

It was agreed to add to the Committee Bros Alex Ramsay and Daniel Thomson

### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 1908**

At a Meeting of the Ball Committee held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 1908 after the Lodge Meeting

RWM Bro RL Scott occupied the Chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved of. Bro Brown, Convenor of the Refreshment Committee reported what was being done by his Committee. It was agreed to take offers for the Decoration. After a conversation on general subjects it was agreed to hold the next meeting on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> inst.

### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 1908**

At a Meeting of the Ball Committee held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 1908 after the Lodge Meeting

RWM Bro RL Scott occupied the Chair

Reports were received from the Convenors of Committees, and it was agreed to advertise that tickets could be obtained from any member of Committee as it was found impracticable to call all the Brethren on the Roll

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 1908**

At a Meeting of the Ball Committee held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 1908 after the Lodge Meeting

RWM Bro RL Scott occupied the Chair

A Report was received from the Convenor of the Decorations Committee who submitted offers for the decorations required. After consideration, it was agreed to accept the offer of Messrs. G Rowan and Co at £4 15/-. The Convenor was authorised to arrange for having the use of the electric lights in the front of the Boxes.

The Secretary reported that a donation of £2 2/- had been received from Bro Sir Hugh Shaw Stewart and a similar donation from Bro Arthur Caird had also been received.

Bro H Young was added to the Refreshments Committee.

### **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 1908**

At an Informal Meeting of the Ball Committee held in the Green Room, Town Hall on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 1908 at 830pm

The RWM being at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge in the Saloon, the members of the Committee held a general conversation regarding the progress of arrangements and various small details were finally settled. At the conclusion of the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, the RWM arrived and was informed of what had been done. He expressed his approval.

## Wednesday 11th March 1908

At a Meeting of the Ball Committee held on Wednesday 11th March 1908 at the close of the Lodge Meeting

RWM Bro RL Scott occupied the Chair

The Treasurer submitted his financial Statement which shewed that there had been a surplus of £1 1/-.

After a number of questions regarding the details had been put and answered, the Statement was approved of. A Vote of Thanks was accorded to Bro Robt. Smith for the valuable services he had rendered.

*The surplus of 1 Guinea would be about £115 in today's money. This means that the donations from Bros Shaw Stewart and Caird were the equivalent of £230 each!*

## Reports on Visits

- The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 on 24th February 2017 (Burns Supper) – attended by WJW Bro Brian McFadyen and Bro Alan Beck PM
- Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 28th February 2017 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen, WSW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Iain White PM, Bro David Stevenson and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Lodge Pollok, Pollokshields No 772 on 28th February 2017 (Raising) – attended by Bro Alan Beck PM and Bro Tony Stewart HM
- Funeral of the late Bro Wilson J. McCulloch PM on 1st March 2017 – attended by WSW Bro Bob Crossan, IPM Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Iain White PM, Bro Ian Ross PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Jack Glenny PM, Bro David Stevenson, Bro James McGregor, Bro Dougie Rankin, Bro James Livingstone and Bro Alexander Galbraith
- Lodge St John Carluke No 187 on 2nd March 2017 (Mark Degree) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen and Bro Tam Hamilton
- Lion and Lamb Lodge No 192 (EC) on 2nd March 2017 (Installation) – attended by WJW Bro Brian McFadyen
- Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 and Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 5th March 2017 (joint Annual Divine Service) – attended by WSW Bro Bob Crossan and Bro Alistair Glenny PM
- The Prince's Lodge No 607 on 6th March 2017 (Raising) – attended by WSW Bro Bob Crossan, SD Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Allan Jess and Bro Tony Stewart HM. WSW Bro Bob Crossan was given Honorary Membership of The Prince's Lodge No 607 on that occasion.
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on Monday 6th March 2017 (Business Meeting regarding potential PGM nomination) – attended by Bro Iain White PM by invitation.

On all occasions Fraternal Greetings were exchanged.

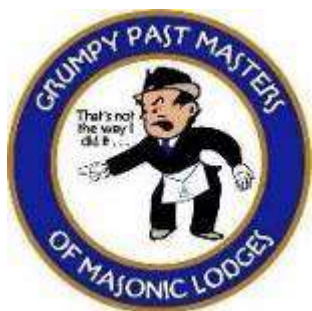
## Lapel Badges

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*



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Grumpy Past Masters badges are also now available from David at a cost of £5.50 each, excluding postage.

**Iain White PM**  
**19.03.17**

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