

Twelve Talk

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Meetings 2017-18

* 16.01.18 1.
Business meeting

* 06.02.18
Installation of remaining Office
Bearers and Illustrated Lecture:
*From No XII to the King
Emperor by way of the Scotts and
the Cairds*

* 20.02.18
Raising and Annual Visitation of
the Provincial Grand Lodge (at
715)

* Saturday 24.02.18
Annual Burns Supper at 630 for
7pm Immortal Memory – Bro
David Vennard PM
Lassies – Bro Kenny Wilson

* 06.03.18
Entering

* 20.03.18
Raising

* 03.04.18
Passing by Lodge Renfrew County
Kilwinning No 370

* 17.04.18
No Meeting owing to new floor
being laid in Saloon

* 24.04.18
Visit to The Scots Lodge No 2319
(EC) in London



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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Our Previous Meeting Tuesday 6th February A look at No XII's History

Report produced for Twelve Talk
Alistair Glenly PM

How often have we said to one another?

"We should really share the history of
this proud Lodge with all the
Brethren"

Well our esteemed Past Master and
knowledgeable Archivist has set about
doing just that. On Tuesday February 6th
2018 Iain White PM used his well-honed
presentation skills to expand on the topic

From No XII to the King Emperor by way of the Scotts and the Cairds

As a young Right Worshipful Master back
in 1983 I often looked at the Lodge Charter
Box and wondered at the early beginning
of this major part of the working of the
Lodge. I often read the words inscribed on
it "made from casemate armour from HMS
Argyll" and reflected on that ship's
relationship with our town of Greenock.



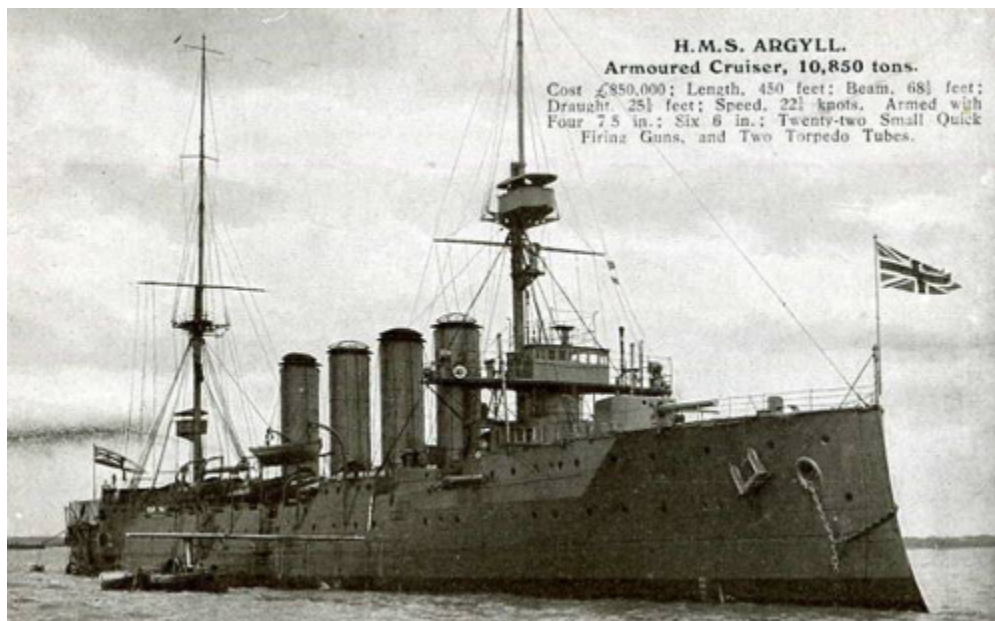
We were taken through, in interesting detail,
by Iain, the building and launch in 1904 of this
great Ship and the influence and
contributions Shipbuilding families of Scotts
and Cairds had on Freemasonry and on
Greenock Kilwinning Number X11 in
particular.

The Lodge has benefitted greatly from C C
Scott, R L Scott, and the Caird Brothers in
monetary and fabric donations over the
years. Iain gave a detailed account of such
donations, some of which are, just like the
Charter Box, in regular and meaningful use in
our assemblies.

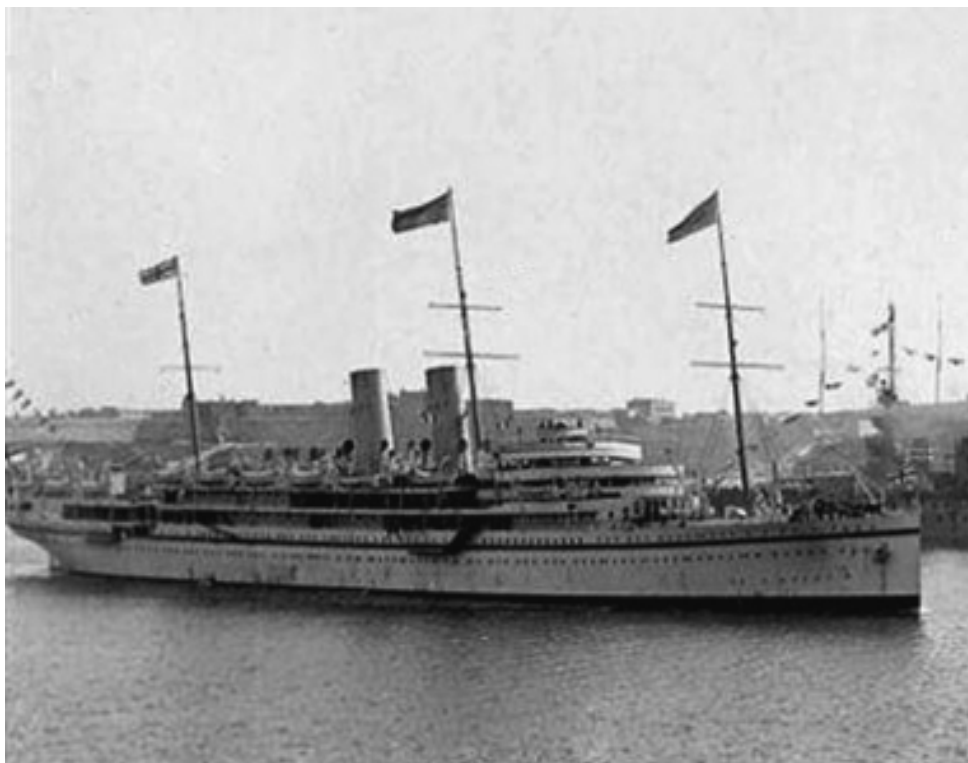
We were then reminded of HMS Argyll's
escort duties to the Royal Yacht Medina
during the King's visit to the Delhi Durbar of
1911-12. This then led Iain into expanding on
such an assembly with attendees whose
magical titles included Maharajas, Nizams,
Nawabs, and Memsahibs. So, the link from
HMS Argyll to Royalty and The British Empire
constantly rests on the Right Worshipful
Master's Dias securing our Lodge Charter
dating back to 1737.

The lecture was a resounding success and no
doubt has set the standard for future such
meetings which can only encourage further
study, and interest, in those who follow as
promoters of the art of Freemasonry
universal.

On behalf of the Right Worshipful Master,
Office Bearers and Brethren of the Lodge and
the assembled Brethren and Visitors, on the
evening, I would like to thank Iain for his
research and the professional manner in
which it was delivered.



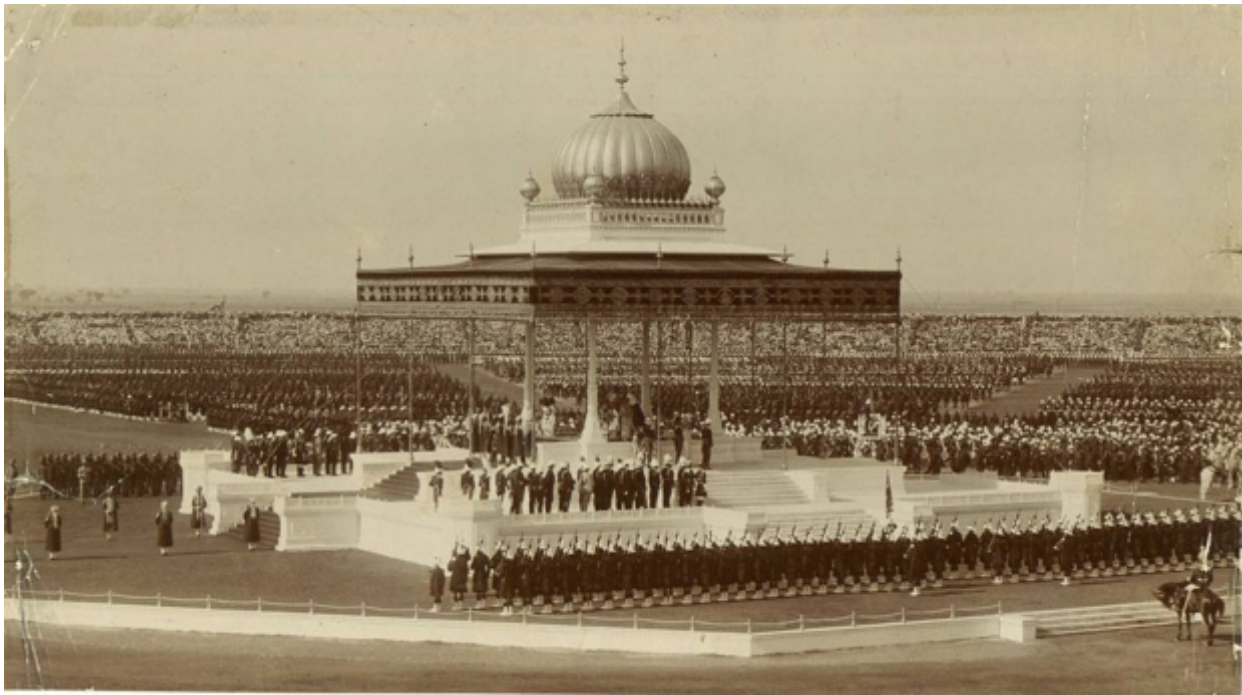
HMS Argyll built by the Scotts in Greenock



HMS Medina built by the Cairds in Greenock



**The plaque inside the
 Charter
 Case lid**



The Royal Pavilion at the Delhi Durbar of 1911



RL Scott



King George V and Queen Mary at the Delhi Durbar of 1911

Bro Duncan Beck
2nd July 1930 – 16th February 2018



We were all very sad to hear that Bro Alan Beck's Dad, Bro Duncan Beck, had passed to the Grand Lodge above on Friday. He had been ill for a while and had been waging the battle against cancer.

Bro Duncan was a Master Mason of Lodge Old Monkland St James No 177 which meets in Coatbridge and was Chartered in 1790. Coatbridge is, of course, the home of Alan's family.

On the left, the Brothers Beck are seen on the evening of Bro Alan's Installation into the Chair of No XII on Tuesday 20th November 2012. This was a very proud evening for them both.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Bro Alan and the whole family at this saddest of times for them.

The funeral is on Thursday 22nd February 2018 and arrangements are as follows:

14.45 - Donald McLaren Funeral Directors, 45 Sunnyside Road, Coatbridge ML5 3DG

15.45 - Daldowie Crematorium, 17 Hamilton Road, Uddingston G71 7RU

16.45 - The Tudor Hotel, 39-49 Alexander Street, Airdrie ML6 0BA

Visit to Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning No 370
Thursday 22nd February
CANCELLED

As Bro Duncan Beck's funeral service is on the afternoon of Thursday 22nd, the deputation to Paisley on that evening to confer a Second Degree has been cancelled.

Our Next Meeting
Tuesday 20th February 2018
Raising

The brethren of the Lodge will confer a Raising at the meeting on Tuesday coming. The Degree Team is **Prayer** Bro Alex Johnston BB **Obligation** Bro Allan T Glen RWM **Retrospect** Bro Robert Marshall IG **Raising** Bro Hector Macphail PM **Reading** Bro Alex Johnston BB **Secrets** Bro KK Morrison PM **Apron** Bro Bob Crossan WSW **Working Tools** Bro Allan I MacFeate PM **Traditional History** Bro Bob Bain PM **Charge** Bro David Stevenson Treas.

It will also be the Annual Visitation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West and the meeting starts a little earlier at 715pm.

No XII Charity Burns Supper Saturday 24th February 2018



The Annual No XII Charity Burns Supper will be held in the Town Hall on Saturday 24th February 2018 – Saturday coming. The Immortal Memory will be delivered by a good friend of No XII – Bro David Vennard PM (left) of The Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge No 4. Bro David is an accomplished speaker and also delivers a mean poetic address. We have heard before at the No XII Burns Supper when he delivered Tam o' Shanter in 2015. Bro David's Immortal Memory will be interesting and informative. The Toast to the Lassies will be by Bro Kenny Wilson of Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121. Kenny is, of course, very well known locally be it for his work on the folk and entertainment scene with The Wherries, his involvement in the Scout Association as a former District Commissioner or his expertise on the Bass Drum many years ago in

the Greenock and District Scout Pipe Band. I have spoken alongside Bro Kenny on many occasions and one thing that we all can be guaranteed of is a laugh! By coincidence, we have another former Bass Drummer delivering Tam o' Shanter and that is Bro David Docherty. David has affiliated to Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 but his Mother Lodge is Lodge Rothesay St John No 292. Bro Davie comes from Rothesay and played in the Rothesay and District Pipe Band. I have also spoken with Bro Davie and his *Tam o' Shanter* is unique and incomparable. Our own Bro sandy Reddy will also deliver a reading from the works of Gourock verse writer, the late Davie Bowie.

A great night is in store. Contact me (Bro Iain White PM 07533112242) for a ticket.

Auction Lots and Raffle Prizes are also required. The Burns Supper is in aid of Poppyscotland, Jayden's Rainbow (nominated by Provost Martin Brennan) and Children in Poverty Inverclyde.

The Monthly Draw

For 2018, our Treasurer, Bro David Stevenson, has increased the draw pay out to £25 per month. This will make a total prize payout of £300 which is up on the 2017 amount by £50.

To keep our surplus level the same, we need a few more brethren to contribute so please, if you are not yet a Draw contributor, see Bro David asap and sign up! Also, if you are already in, please consider taking a number or two more. Every wee bit helps! The numbers are building so let's keep up the momentum.

Visit to the Scots Lodge No 2319 (EC)

Tuesday 24th April 2018

It is a few years since we had an exchange visit with our friends at 'Scots' in London. That will be remedied when RWM Bro Allan T Glen will lead a deputation to the April meeting.

Any brethren interested in attending please let Bro Bob Crossan WSW know.

From the old Minute Books of No XII

The Mark Degree in 1918 must have been quite something with 69 candidates. There was also a wedding gift presented to Bo RC Smith PM. This is the RC Smith whose shoe business has developed into the big shop in West Blackhall street which now sells sports equipment and clothing, school uniforms, highland dress and the like – as well as shoes. The meeting ended with a Harmony which included some speeches – a practice that continued at the Mark Degree till the early part of this century.

Tuesday 4th June 1918

Bro John D MacFarlane, RW Master, in the Chair

Candidates for Mark

The Mark Degree was conferred upon 69 brethren – 65 of whom are from Lodge Greenock Kilwinning and 4 from Sister Lodges.

Thereafter, the Lodge was reduced to the EA Degree, and the RWM having resumed his Chair the brethren were called to Harmony.

A short toast list was submitted by the RW Master and the enthusiastic reply of Bro Captain JW Nesbitt, RWM of Lodge Georgetown No 1170 to that of the Imperial Forces of the Crown was much appreciated.

Wedding Gift presented to Bro RC Smith PM

In a very happy speech, the RW Master called upon Bro RC Smith PM to accept a Tea and Coffee Service as a wedding gift from the members of the Lodge and spoke of the yeoman services rendered to Grk. Kilwinning by Bro Smith.

Appreciative remarks were also made by Past Masters Wm Gray, John Barbour, RL Scott, WG Buchanan and John McAdam of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 to which PM Bro RC Smith suitable replied.

Reports on Visits

- Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 18th January 2018 (Entering & AV of PGLRW) – attended by WSW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Alan Beck PM and Bro Hector Macphail PM

- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 22nd January 2018 (Entering & AV of PGLRW) – attended by WSW Bro Bob Crossan, WJW Brian McFadyen, IPM Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Hector Macphail PM, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Paul Stevenson
- Lodge Scotia No 1003 (SC) Georgetown, Penang, Malaysia on 25th January 2018 (Entering & Visitation Harmony) – attended by Bro Alistair Glenney PM - at the close of the Degree Bro Alistair was allowed to comment and also convey fraternal greetings from RWM, Office Bearers and Brethren of Number XII. After the degree work and all other business had been conducted, the Brethren and Guests were called to Harmony. However, the date being January 25th a suitable tribute was given to our National Bard Robert Burns. A haggis was brought in, supported by Whisky carriers, and the address was delivered by Dr Daljit Singh Nagreh, with The Selkirk grace recited by Dr Leslie Kenneth Khoo Chun Eong
- Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West on 2nd February 2018 (Annual Meeting & Installation of Elective Office Bearers) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen, WSW Bro Bob Crossan, WJW Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Ken MacDougall PM, Bro Alistair Glenney PM, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Bob Bain PM, Bro Hector Macphail PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Robert Marshall, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge Moorpark No 1263 on 7th February 2018 (Passing conferred by The Lodge of Erskine No 1566) – attended by WJW Bro Brian McFadyen
- The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 on 8th February 2018 (Passing conferred by Lodge Georgetown No 1170) – attended by WJW Bro Brian McFadyen
- Lodge The Gael No 609 on 8th February 2018 (Entering exemplification) – attended by Bro Iain White PM

On all occasions, Fraternal Greetings were exchanged. The RWM thanks the Brethren for their support.

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
17.02.18

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