

# Twelve Talk

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## Meetings 2018-19

\*04.09.18

Raising

\* 18.09.18

Nomination and Election of Office  
Bearers

Passing by Greenock High School  
Former Pupils of No XII

\* 02.10.18

Entering

\* 16.10.18

Entering

\* 06.11.18

Annual Meeting and Great War  
Commemoration

\*\* 20.11.18

Annual Installation at 615

\*04.12.18

Divine Service

\*27.12.18

290<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Festival of  
St John The Evangelist

\* Saturday 23 .02.19

Annual Burns Supper at 630 for  
7pm

**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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## Our Next Meeting Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September Passing *The High School Degree*

As has been intimated in the Twelve Talk Special Edition No 16, our Passing on Tuesday will be conferred by the brethren of No XII. It will be a Degree Team with a difference because all involved are Former Pupils of Greenock High School. The floor workers are **Admit Candidate** Bro Allan I MacFeate PM **Prayer** Bro Jack Glenney PM **Obligation** Bro Alistair Glenney PM **Secrets** Bro Iain White PM **Apron** Bro Iain White PM **Working Tools** Bro Allan I MacFeate PM **Tracing Board** Bro Ken MacDougall PM **Charge** Bro David Stevenson.

Greenock High School had a great tradition of choral singing and its choirs were very successful in the Music Festival held every January in the Town Hall. A number of the degree team were choristers. We were dismayed to see in *the Greenock Telegraph* recently, that the Festival is facing some financial challenges. It was decided that the Degree on Tuesday would be in aid of the Festival. There will be one collection only and the proceeds will be donated. The Festival is a focus for the efforts of many local musicians and elocutionists. Our own

Late Past Master Bro Wilson J McCulloch was one of the latter. There are two good reasons now for us to dig deep and support the Inverclyde Music festival!!

## Our Previous Meeting Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September Raising

Bro Jamie S McEwan was Raised. The Degree was conferred by the brethren of No XII and the team was: **Prayer** Bro Alex Johnson BB **Obligation** Bro Allan T Glen RWM **Retrospect** Bro Brian McFadyen WJW **Raising** Bro Alan D Beck PM **Reading** Bro Alex Johnson BB **Secrets** Bro KK Morrison PM **Apron** Bro Bob Crossan WSW **Working Tools** Bro Allan I MacFeate IPM **Traditional History** Bro Robert J Bain PM **Charge** Bro David Stevenson Treas.

The Lodge was indebted to the commitment of Bro Bob Bain PM who attended and delivered the Traditional History in his usual proficient manner despite dealing with a sad family emergency on the day.

Also, the RW Master, Bro Allan T Glen, was back amongst us almost fully recovered from the injuries sustained in his road traffic accident and received a warm welcome.



## **Hector – 40 years and counting**

Recently, our esteemed Past Master Bro Hector Macphail received his 40-year diploma at Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No 17 from Most Excellent First Principal Billy McClarty. Of course, Hector was First Principal in 1987-89 at No 17.



## Visit to Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning No 370 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018

*From roving report Bro Bob Crossan WSW*

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September our RWM Bro Allan T. Glen headed a deputation to our good friends at Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning No 370. The deputation may have been surprisingly small in number, but some may say that it was perfectly formed.

We lined up to enter the Lodge at 8:10-ish pm and were warmly welcomed by IPM Bro Andrew Thomson and the Brethren. Our RWM was invited to the East along with our Past Masters. After everyone had found a seat and the Lodge settled down, IPM Bro Andrew Thomson presented our RWM Bro Allan T. Glen with the Gavel and the office bearers were swapped in favour of No XII. We then proceeded to carry out an Exemplification of an Entering on Bro John Thomson, who by all accounts is no stranger to being roped in to the role of candidate.

*The degree team was :-*

**Prayer** – IPM Bro Allan MacFeate

**Obligation** – RWM Bro Allan Glen

**Secrets** – Bro Alan Beck PM

**Apron** – Bro Bob Crossan WSW

**NEC** – Bro Robert Marshall IG

**Tools** – IPM Bro Allan MacFeate

**Charge** – Bro Ken MacDougall PM



Our small but perfectly formed deputation, *left to right*

**Bro Bob Crossan WSW Bro Fraser Cameron Assistant Steward Bro Allan Jess Chaplain Bro Alan Beck PM, IPM Bro Allan MacFeate RWM Bro Allan Glen, Bro Brian McFadyen WJW Bro Robert Marshall IG and Bro Ken MacDougall PM**

## Bro Ross Gourdie

I had featured Bro Ross and his family moving to California in the last edition. I had this email from Bro Ross:

*Hi Iain.*

*Just wanted to say many thanks for the mention in the last Twelve Talk about our move to San Diego. That was really a nice gesture and it was greatly appreciated by Pauline, Rhys and myself.*

*Hope all is well with you and family and also everyone at the Lodge.*

*Please pass on my regards.*

*All the best.*

*Ross.*

Hopefully, we can keep up with the Gourdies as their new life in the Sunshine State unfolds.

## Monthly Draw 2018

You can still get into the 2018 Draw. Please remember the prize is now £25 each month. The numbers have come up to a healthier level now, so many thanks to all who have contributed. Also, please remember the surplus is going to our Tercentenary 'pot' so if you do not currently contribute please see our Treasurer, Bro David Stevenson, who will get you sorted out with a number or two.

Also— you need to be in it to win it

## General Data Protection Regulations

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) are upon us. These regulations have been a focus for me in my professional life and I thought it best to say a word about GDPR in the context of *Twelve Talk*. If you are reading this edition having received it by email from me, obviously it is because I have your email address. This is the only piece of data that I hold for you and, unless you are a member, it is not held by No XII because *Twelve Talk* is not formally an official communication from the Lodge. It more my own personal musings designed to keep members and friends up to date. As is always stated, the views expressed are not necessarily those of No XII. They belong solely to the author. That is mostly me, but I am assisted by others from time to time. The source of all material is always acknowledged.

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## Visit to Rosslyn Chapel 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018

*From roving reporter Bro Bob Crossan WSW (again)*

Bro Alan Beck PM and Bro Tony Stewart PM accompanied me to a visit to Rosslyn Chapel. The visit was organised by Bro Iain Gordon RWM of Lodge The Prince's No 607 and in total 40 Brethren were in the party.

We were treated like Kings from the moment we arrived at the Lodge Rosslyn St Clair No. 606, with a spectacular Buffet Breakfast and then later an incredible Buffet lunch all courtesy of the RWM Alan Henderson and his wife Amanda.

The Brethren at Lodge St Clair looked after our every need, ably assisted, of course, by the ladies who worked tirelessly in the background. After breakfast we were treated to a lecture on Rosslyn Chapel by Brother Geoff which was very informative and extremely interesting. He clearly has an in-depth knowledge of the Chapel and a love of the topic - no wonder he is in such demand.

Geoff's presentation made the subsequent visit to the Chapel all the more meaningful.

Later on, at the Harmony we were treated to an array of talented Artistes. The entertainment was exceptional. How fortunate we are to have such talent in our midst. This is Freemasonry at its best and it was an honour to be part of it all.

Thanks to all the Brethren who reached into their pockets to buy a plethora of raffle tickets and to those who donated prizes, we made a significant donation to RWM Alan Henderson for all that he and his Brethren and ladies did for us on the day. We had £300 left which was split between Lodge The Prince's No. 607 & The Bridgeton & Glasgow Shamrock & Thistle Lodge No. 275 for Lodge funds,

In a heart-warming gesture RWM Alan Henderson, donated the money to Great Ormond Street Hospital through his incoming Master at the Lodge as his Grandson has just come home following major surgery at Great Ormond Street. In a very moving touch the collection that we had for the ladies was donated by them for the same cause. This, as we know, is a principal tenet of Freemasonry and what a wonderful example we had on the day.



*Past Masters board*



*RWM Alan Henderson welcome us to the lodge*



*Bro Alan Beck gave us a lovely rendition of his original song 'Iain Gordon's a big baldy (rude noun)', all the Brethren joined*

## From the Old Minute Books

*Some interesting snippets from a meeting in 1919.*

*£20 from Lodge Funds was to be granted for the purchase of a Past Master's jewel. It would have been a nice one because the 2018 equivalent of £20 is £926. As we know from Jewels that the Past Masters have nowadays which stretch back to around these times, it would have been solid gold.*

*The mention of Gauntlets being purchased for the Wardens leads to an interesting question. There is a photo from around the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century unearthed by Bro Alistair Glenny PM where the RW Master, his Wardens and other office bearers are featured. In this photo, the RW Master has Gauntlets but the Wardens do not. So, could this Minute be an indication of when the Wardens of No XII first became encumbered with Gauntlets? Did this start in 1919? Unfortunately, in the absence of another source, the wording of the minute does not provide proof positive – we do, however, have an interesting hypothesis.*

*I shall research further to see if the No XII Choir came to pass.*

### **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 1919**

Bro J Grieve Graham P Master, in the Chair

Bro Graham announced that the absence of the RW Master was through indisposition, but that Bro Thexton hoped to be present at the next meeting.

The following recommendations from the General Committee were submitted to the Lodge: -

Grant for gift to Bro JD MacFarlane IP Master

“That the sum of £20 be granted from Lodge funds to provide a PM Jewel, or other gift, in recognition of Bro John D MacFarlane's services as RW Master.” On the motion of Bro James Currie, seconded by Bro James Chalmers, this was unanimously agreed to.

Agreed that Wardens should be supplied with Gauntlets

“That the Senior and Junior Wardens should be provided with Gauntlets” was also approved of. This was moved and seconded by Bros. HW Jones and Dan. W Sinclair.

Regarding the formation of a Lodge Choir

It was stated, regarding the formation of a Lodge Choir, referred to by Bro McCover at meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February, that Bro HW Jones has intimated his willingness to act as Instructor, but as the season is so far advanced, he suggests that the matter should be held over till the Lodge resumes in September.

## Old Installation Programmes

To further build our archives, I am looking for Installation programmes from the following years: anything before, and including 1955, 1957, 1958, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1993, 2008 and 2010. So, brethren, look in the loft, that foostie old case or the cupboards and presses in the house and see what you are able to come up with.

## Reports

- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 11th April 2018 (Passing exemplification & AV of PGLRW) – attended by IPM Bro Allan MacFeate, WSW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Alexander Galbraith HM.
- The Scots Lodge No 2319 (EC) on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (in London – Entering) – attended by Bro Iain White PM and Bro Edward Molloy
- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 25th April 2018 (Passing – Homes Degree) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen, WJW Bro Brian McFadyen, IPM Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Hector Macphail PM, Bro Campbell Snoddy, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Edward Molloy.
- Lodge St. John (Kilwinning) Largs No 173 on 5th June 2018 (Passing) – attended by Bro Bob Bain PM
- Lodge Scone & Perth No 3 on 9th June 2018 (Raising) – attended by Bro Hector Macphail PM and Bro Tony Stewart HM in the company of Scots Lodge No 2319 (EC)
- Lodge The Gael No 609 on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 attended by Bro Iain White PM (Passing conferred by Lodge Toryglen No 1561)

## 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**  
**16.09.18**

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