

Twelve Talk

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Meetings 2011-12

* 17.01.12
Raising by The Lodge of
Erskine No 1566
(Renfrewshire East)

* 07.02.12
Provincial Visitation and
Passing (Exemplification)

* 21.02.12
Entering

* 06.03.12
Passing by Lodge Burns
Dundonald No 1759
(Ayrshire)

* 20.03.12
Entering Exemplification
by the Scots Lodge No 2319
(EC)

* 03.04.12
Raising

* 17.04.12
Mark

* Thursday 07.06.12
Special Meeting
A Celebration of Her
Majesty's Diamond Jubilee:
Lecture by Lord Lieutenant
of Renfrewshire Guy Clark

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

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Visit by Scots Lodge No 2319 (EC) Tuesday 20th March 2012

Another big night in No XII beckons on Tuesday with the visit of a deputation of our great friends from the Scots Lodge. Worshipful Master Bro Paul Treadwell will lead a deputation of 16 brethren into the lodge, the largest deputation from Scots

ever to visit No XII. It will contain 9 past Worshipful Masters, including Honorary Member of No XII Worshipful Bro Jimmy Anderson. The brethren of Scots will exemplify a First Degree. The Degree Team is W. Bro Paul Treadwell WM, W. Bro Hugh Devine SW, W. Bro Vivian John JW, W. Bro Ian Rainford SD, W. Bro Ali Macleod JD, Bro Victor Robbin IG, Secrets

and Signs W. Bro Geoff Searson, NE Corner W. Bro Eddie Asafi-Adjaye, Working Tools Bro Alastair Fulton, Charge after Initiation W. Bro Vivian John. The 'candidate' for the evening is Bro Allan Glen of No XII. After the ceremonial, we shall have a traditional Scottish harmony with an appropriate light supper, prepared by our Michelin star chef, Bro Alan Beck – pie and beans! It promises to be a truly memorable evening.

Our previous meeting Tuesday 6th March 2012

Bro Allan Glen received his second degree on Tuesday 6th March at the hands of Lodge Burns Dundonald No 1759 from the Province of Ayrshire. Again there was a terrific attendance with 66 brethren in the Lodge. RWM Bro Jim Picken of 1759 led a deputation of 20 brethren from his own and other Ayrshire lodges into the Saloon. This was the first time that 1759 had worked in No XII and their degree was much appreciated.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Meeting

RWM Bro Bob Bain cordially invites you to a (very) special meeting of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII on **Thursday 7th June** at 730 in The Saloon of The Town Hall, Greenock. The purpose of the meeting is to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The main agenda item is a talk by Guy Clark, Lord Lieutenant of Renfrewshire entitled 'My Role as the Queen's Representative in Renfrewshire'. Guy is the grandson of the late

Bro Sir Walter Guy Shaw Stewart, former Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire West and member of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII. He will be introduced by a short talk from Bro Iain White PM entitled 'The Shaw Stewarts and No XII'. Patriotic songs will be sung by Bro Alan Beck WSW. Brethren are encouraged to wear red, white and blue. There will be a light supper after the meeting. The evening will be in aid of *Help for Heroes* and will be the culmination of No XII's 2011-12 Charity Drive.



New No XII Website

Thanks to the work of Bro Alan Beck WSW, No XII has a new website. It may be found at www.lgk12.masons-lodge.org and gives loads of information about what's going on in the Lodge and charts our history too. Any brother who has photos involving No XII please scan them and email them to Alan at tenor.alanbeck@ntlworld.com Please add the names of the brethren in the photo to your email.

Visitations made

The following visitations were reported at the meeting of 6th March. The brethren of No XII are doing a great job spreading the cement of brotherly love within the Province and beyond.

- Lodge Bonhill and Alexandria No 321 on 18th February 2012 – attended by PM Bro Iain White who had been invited to speak at the Dunbartonshire Association of Masters and Past Masters.
- The Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge No 275 Burns Supper on 18th February 2012 – attended by PM Bro Iain White who was invited to deliver The Immortal Memory.
- Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 on 23rd February 2012 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Allan Glen, Bro Paul Galbraith and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge Greenock St Johns No 175 on 24th February 2012 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, WSW Bro Alan Beck, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Paul Galbraith, Bro William Gibson, Bro James McGregor Jnr, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, HM Bro Neil Forbes and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 27th February 2012 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, PM Bro James Adams, PM Bro Iain White, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 27th February 2012 (Exemplification of 2nd Degree and PGL Annual Visitation) – attended by WSW Bro Alan Beck, Bro Paul Galbraith and Bro James McGregor Jnr
- Lodge Burns Dundonald No 1759 on 28th February 2012 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, WSW Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Martin Anderson, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Allan Macfeate, Bro Paul Galbraith and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick.
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 1st March 2012 (Passing) – attended by PM Bro James Adams, Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and HM Bro James Strachan

Back at Shalom

Lodge Shalom No 1600 Thursday 8th March

We have developed a close relationship with the brethren of Lodge Shalom over the past year. 8th March was our third deputation to Clifford Street. RWM Bro Bob Bain had 10 brethren in his deputation – 9 from No XII and Bro Ewan McLean of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68. We had a warm welcome into the Lodge from Bro David Black RWM and then saw an excellent Second Degree conferred by Lodge Montefiore No 753. As usual at Lodge Shalom we enjoyed an excellent harmony – the strudel is exquisite! No XII made its customary contribution to the entertainment with items from Bro Alan Beck WSW who sang beautifully only to find himself subsequently completely upstaged when 'The Great Caruso' gave another epic performance.....



Bro Alan Beck entertains

Bros Eddie McGill, Crawford Kirkpatrick and Allan Glen in good form





Bro Ewan McLean (68) and RWM Bro Bob Bain



The No XII Deputation at Lodge Shalom No 1600 - 8th March 2012

Bros Allan Glen Alan Beck WSW Allan Macfeate Jim Adams PM SD Bob Bain RWM Crawford Kirkpatrick Eddie McGill Iain White PM Paul Galbraith

Forthcoming Visitation

Lodge St John Whiteinch No 683 Friday 23rd March

No XII began an association with Lodge St John Whiteinch way back when I was in the Chair in 1989. No XII had a Past Master's Jewel belonging to 683 and took a deputation there to present the jewel to RWM Bro Thomas Diamond. A number of brethren plan to visit Whiteinch on Friday when, coincidentally, our great friends from Lodge The Gael No 609 will confer a raising.

The meeting is at 9 Ardery Street, Glasgow G11 9SX. For further details, or to enquire about transportation, contact Alan Beck WSW at tenor.alanbeck@ntlworld.com or 07739514242

The Charity Drive

The success of the Charity Drive continues. It was decided by the General Committee at its meeting on 9th January that we would concentrate on two beneficiaries - *Help for Heroes* and the 1st Greenock Company of the Boys' Brigade. The 1st Greenock celebrates its 125th Anniversary in 2012. We are conscious that the charitable work of the Lodge is a very important facet of the Craft and we urge all our brethren to give active support to raising funds for these worthy causes. Thus far, **£3111.27** has been raised. The drive will end with the special Diamond Jubilee Celebration meeting on 7th June.

Financial Matters

Test Fees and Life Members' donations in lieu of Capitation Fees are now due. Test Fees are very reasonably set at £30 in No XII.

All fees and donations should be passed to Bro Iain White (Acting Treasurer) either at the Lodge or mailed to him at 23 Manor Crescent, Gourrock PA19 1UZ.

Visit to Rosslyn Chapel

RWM Bro Bob Bain is organising a visit to Rosslyn Chapel on Saturday 28th April 2012. The price for a place on the bus is £10.00 return. Entry into the Chapel is £7.70 with concessions £6.10.

There will be a conducted tour at 11am which should last approximately one hour. After that, there will be time to walk through the beautiful gardens or browse the shop and visit the café for a bite to eat before the return journey. The trip is open to all.

The various pick up points are:- West Kilbride: 8.00am; Largs, (Railway Station): 8.20am; Wemyss Bay(station) 8.30am; McInroy's Point Gourrock: 8.45am; Ardgowan Bowling Club: 9.00am.

The coach is now full!

A Dip into our History

Recently at the General Committee we have been discussing the replacement of Lodge equipment. Of course, this is an ongoing process and it has ever been thus. In my researches into the Lodge history, I found the following in the minutes about equipment replacement in the 1930s.

General Committee Meeting Tuesday 1st November 1938

Bro John Conn Chief Steward spoke of the necessity of providing two decanters to replace breakages and this was met by an offer of one each from Bros Owen Dewar PM and AFR Caird IPM. Bro Caird stipulated that his should be exclusively used for port.

Now that is a real touch of class from Bro Caird, I'd say!

The photograph below shows Bro Arthur FR Caird in the centre (in the wickerwork chair) as RWM in 1936-37. It is thought that the photograph was taken in the Lorne Restaurant in West Blackhall Street at the pre-installation reception for office bearers. The Lorne was above what is now the British Heart Foundation furniture shop.

Bro Arthur FR Caird was, of course, a member of the Caird shipbuilding family which owned the shipyard on Dalrymple Street beside the old Albert Harbour and engineering works on Arthur Street. When he joined No XII in 1928 he gave his occupation as 'Manufacturer'.



**Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII
The Office Bearers 1936-37
RWM Bro Arthur Frederick Roberts Caird**

(Note the black dress coats (commonly known as an evening tailcoats), white bow ties, white waistcoats and starched wing collar shirts. All of these had disappeared from the No XII Installation Dress Code by the time I joined in 1974)

Iain White PM